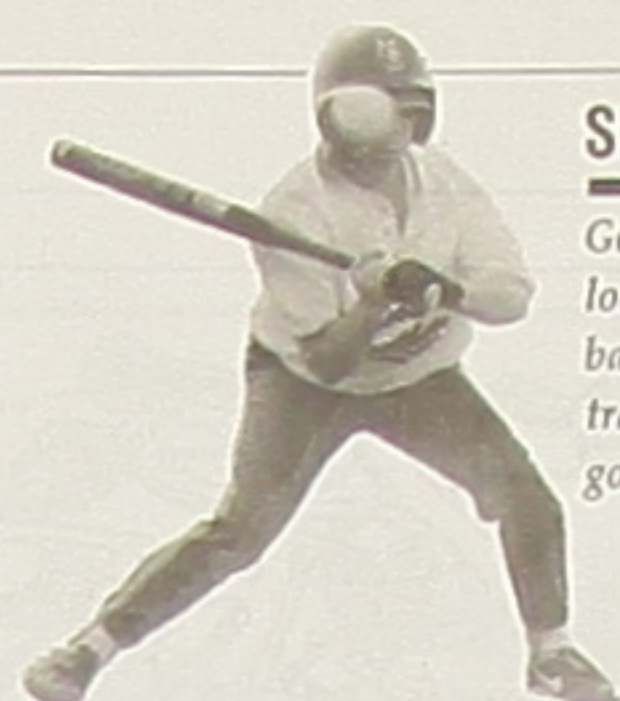


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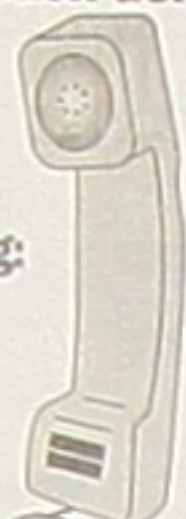
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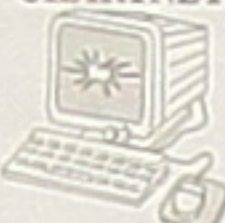


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Dr. Herbert Woodward Martin performs a one-man production during the Langston Hughes Celebration Friday night at Webster auditorium.

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Arrest results in expulsion

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A Feb. 18 altercation has resulted in the arrest of a Missouri Southern football player and the hospitalization of a soccer player.

Taquan Gullett, 19, Broken Arrow, Okla., has been released on \$7,000 bond after being charged with two class C felonies, one count each of assault and burglary.

Gullett, a starting defensive back, has been dismissed from the football team and expelled from the College.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said Gullett cannot return to Southern.

"He is no longer a student here," Carnahan said.

According to Lt. Jim Hounsche of the Joplin Police Department, Gullett and his girlfriend attended a gathering on the evening of Feb. 18 at 3902 College View Drive, an apartment occupied by Gary Pointer Jr., a junior computer science major.

Hounsche said Gullett left the apartment for a brief time to attend another party, while his girlfriend stayed.

"Apparently there were some racial comments made [against Gullett], and she got upset about it and left," Hounsche said. "As she was leaving, Gullett returned and found out what had upset her."



Gullett

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Kaifes reluctantly resigns as Lady Lion head coach

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

At approximately 7 p.m. Wednesday, Carrie Kaifes turned in her resignation as head women's basketball coach.

Kaifes said Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, and Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, asked for her resignation in a meeting Wednesday morning. The Lady Lions ended their season Tuesday night with a 59-51 loss to Missouri Western in the first round of the MIAA playoffs.

"I have no idea what it is; all I know is I am not taking the program in the right direction," Kaifes said. "That is as far as I can elaborate. That's the way it goes."

"There isn't much I can do. I have to get another job so I can express how deeply hurt I am."

Beard said an official announcement will be made at noon today. A players' meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Kaifes said she had no plans yet as to where she might continue her career.

"I have no idea what I'm going to look for," she said. "It's so out of the blue; it's hard to make plans. I'm looking forward to tomorrow; once I get through today it'll be OK."

Kaifes' resignation comes after just her second season as head coach of the Lady Lions. She compiled a 36-20 record and was MIAA coach of the year in 1995-96 after leading Southern to a 23-6 record and the conference post-season championship. □



Missouri Southern basketball Lady Lion head coach Carrie Kaifes resigned as of Wednesday.

BOARD OF REGENTS

Tuition increase not major issue

Students cite Southern's affordability through years

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Tuition for the 1997-98 school year was scheduled to be on the Missouri Southern Board of Regents' agenda at a rescheduled 8 a.m. meeting today.

Tuition has increased steadily over the

past few years. In 1993-94, fees were \$60.50 per credit hour, and in 1994-95, the cost was \$64. In 1995-96, the tuition was \$66.50 per credit hour. It was raised to \$70 per hour of credit for 1996-97.

Despite the increases over recent years, Southern students still think tuition is relatively low compared to other higher education institutions in the state.

Luke Farley, senior criminal justice and history major, said reasonable tuition cost was the deciding factor in his attending

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STUDENT LIFE BEAT



Missouri Southern's Larry Bast, one of only two male dental hygiene majors in Missouri, practices on a dummy Wednesday.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Bast is a different breed among field

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Being the only male in class is surely an experience all in itself.

Being only one of two men in Missouri striving for the same goal is what sets Larry Bast apart from the rest of the student population at Missouri Southern.

He is the only male dental hygiene student at Southern and only one of two in the state. Kriss Childress at the University of Missouri-Kansas City is the other.

For some, choosing a career is something they contemplate for months, maybe even years. Bast, however, made the decision in an instant.

He is working on a dental hygiene degree after receiving a bachelor of science degree in psychology and a minor in biomedical services from Southwest Missouri State University in December 1995.

The 40-year-old Bast, who said he had never heard of a dental hygienist before November 1995, was working as a medical/surgical nurse at a Springfield hospital and preparing to enter school to become a registered nurse when one of his patients had a visitor who told him about the profession.

"From that moment I had no desire to go into nursing," he said. "I found out about dental hygiene in November, and in August I was here."

With only three dental hygiene programs in the state — one at UMKC, one at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, and the other at Southern — Bast chose Southern because it was close to Springfield where he still works at Columbia South Hospital every other weekend.

Bast spent 10 years in the nursing profession, including five and a half in a psychiatric ward. He then went to medical/surgical nursing because he was "burned out."

Bast said it was an easy decision because of several reasons, one being that the prerequisites for dental hygiene and nursing

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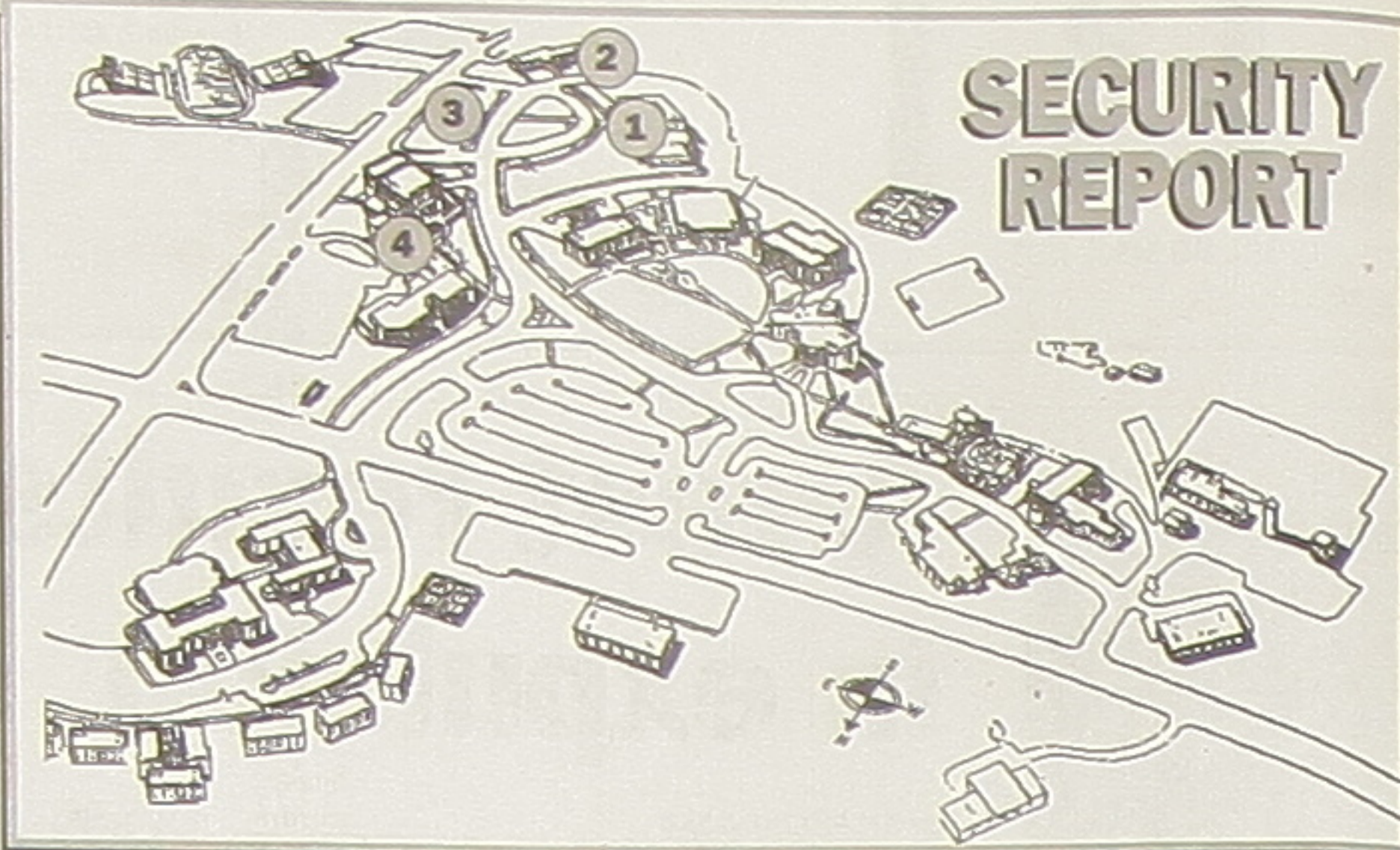


LIONS, LADY LIONS FALL IN MIAA TOURNEY

SPORTS:

The Missouri Southern Lions fall to No. 1 Washburn 83-64 Monday in post-season tourney action... The Lady Lions also met the same fate, losing to Missouri Western Tuesday in tourney action.....page 11A



SECURITY
REPORT

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| 1 | 02/19/97 | YOUNG GYM | 10:50 p.m. | Custodian Larry Pounds reported a hole in the ceiling in the visiting locker room. He said it may have been caused when a Rolla basketball player became upset and put his fist through the ceiling tile. |
| 2 | 02/21/97 | LOT 12 | Noon | Kayse Williams, freshman psychology major, reported her 1993 Geo Storm was hit in the parking lot. The vehicle was struck in the right front fender causing a small dent and some scratches. |
| 3 | 02/22/97 | LOT 14 | 4:10 p.m. | Darla Schmidt discovered several items stolen from her husband's 1989 Toyota Supra. She reported that she parked her car around 12:50 p.m., and upon returning found the left front turn signal assembly, left front marker light assembly, and the screws attaching them to the car missing. The person or person's tried to remove the left rear marker light assembly, but were not successful. The value of the missing parts was estimated at \$200. |
| 4 | 02/25/97 | LOT 26 | 4:50 p.m. | Mike MacDonald, custodian in Taylor Auditorium, reported a fire in a Dumpster near Spiva Art. He put the fire out with an ABC fire extinguisher. The cause of the fire is unknown. |

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QUICK TO ACTION



Missouri Southern security officer Everett Howard extinguishes a Dumpster fire in the parking lot outside of Webster Hall Tuesday.

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The Chart

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

Cramer expands duties

German professor to teach at Webb City High School

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

Missouri Southern is expanding its international mission into the community to the campus of Webb City High School.

Leading this move next fall is Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of German at Southern.

"It's going to be the first class they've ever had in German," she said.

Cramer said the class will be similar to the Beginning German I class at Southern, but will be taught at a different pace. She said she will use more audio/visual materials and incorporate cultural background along with learning the language.

Cramer said she hopes to show the students at Webb City that German is "not such an alien language and such a strange thing to learn and so difficult that no one can tackle it."

"It's really quite logical and doable for high school," she said, "in addition to

Spanish or other languages that are frequently taught in high school."

"This is just part of our outreach," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs.

He said this is "a unique experience" for a faculty member to teach at an area high school.

He said he hopes Cramer's class will encourage students to come to Southern for further study of German.

"I think it's a wonderful step for us into the public and for the public to have a view of what we are doing in this kind of 'ivory tower' situation," Cramer said, "that there's a little bit more of a relaxed situation between the College and the community."

Cramer said as far as she knows, there is going to be only one German class offered. Other classes will depend on student interest. She said she is happy about teaching the class and feels honored to do it.

"For me it's a chance to get to know what kind of a community this college is in," Cramer said, "more than just teaching here and going home to do research or writing or whatever."

"It will be a good opportunity to find out where I am." □



Cramer

BREED: Former medical nurse finds new love with teeth

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were identical so he was able to enter the program without taking any other classes.

"The main reasons were I wanted to stay in life sciences; dental hygienists have great hours and good pay," he said. "But at the time I did not know there were so few males, but it doesn't really bother me because I've been the minority [in nursing] before."

Tia Strait, instructor of dental hygiene, said the main reason for dental hygiene being a traditionally female profession was the same as for nursing.

"Traditionally, doctors were men

and nurses were women; the same is true in dentistry," she said.

"Larry is a nice gentleman, but he has to have a wonderful sense of humor being the only man dealing with 40 women."

Bast has had many opportunities for careers, including a job in construction, being a motorcycle mechanic, and making cheese.

"The cheese making was a union job, so it paid really well," he said. "But it was smelly."

Bast, who considers himself a "gear head," also did a stint as a motorcycle mechanic but said it was not something he would want to do forever.

"I have always wanted a white

collar job," he said, "but with blue collar hobbies."

Bast has taken his hobby of motorcycles to great heights. He started competing in dirt bike races at the age of 22 and has since been competing in observe trials.

"It is a different type of bike racing," he said. "The most important thing isn't speed. It concentrates more on skill, finesse, and technique."

"My older brother had a motorcycle; we grew up on a farm, so I learned about them there. My parents had 13 kids, so money was pretty nonexistent. Either I fixed it, made it, or did without." □

TUITION: Low tuition reason College attracts students

From page 1A

Southern. "I was going to go to SBU (Southwest Baptist University) in Bolivar, but the tuition was \$13,000 a year," he said. "I had a choice of attending either SBU or Southern, and Southern was definitely cheaper, so that swayed me toward Southern."

Mike Powell, freshman communications major, said he thinks he is

getting his money's worth at Southern.

"I am proud to be able to only pay \$70 an hour because I could go somewhere else and pay more for the same education I'm getting here," he said.

Doug Culver, sophomore accounting major, said the low tuition was also a factor in his deciding to come to Southern. He said if the tuition takes another hike, he will still con-

sider it a bargain. "Southern has an excellent business program," he said. "A small raise in tuition will not bother me that much."

One student just acknowledged the fact that minimal tuition increases are simply a part of the ever-changing economy.

"I accept it because everything is going up; it's part of life," said Casey Carbone, sophomore sociology major. □

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STUDENT SENATE

Full workweek occupies campus body

Carnahan pushes for program

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Not many students get to have a personal meeting with Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, but that is exactly what members of the Missouri Southern Student Senate did Tuesday.

The group of 18 students met with the governor as part of their scheduled activities in Jefferson City earlier this week.

"The main new initiative we have for this year is the Challenge Scholarship," Carnahan explained to the Student Senate.

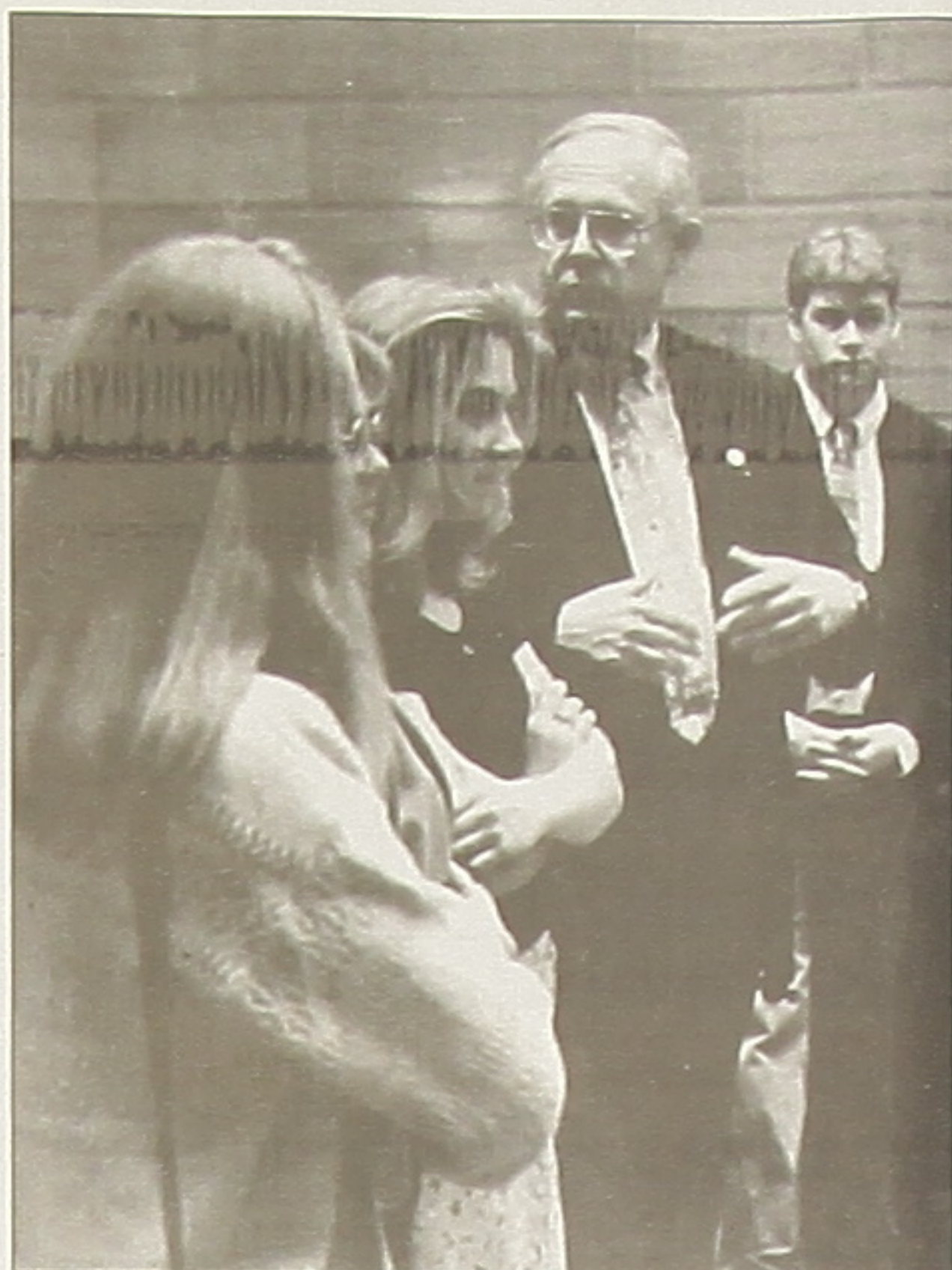
The Challenge Scholarship is a proposal to offer a \$1,500 tax credit for the first two years of college. The governor highlighted it earlier this year during his state of the state address.

"It didn't satisfy you (the Student Senate) to get a job and build a career without a high school diploma," Carnahan said. "I want to make a college education commonplace in Missouri."

The proposed cut on food sales tax was also brought up to the students. Carnahan explained how the state has collected too many taxes according to the Hancock Amendment.

The cut would eliminate about \$230 million from the state budget. There are several amendments being offered by legislators that would cause too much of a burden on the state budget, he said.

"We think this is pretty popular with voters," Carnahan said. "There are only seven or eight states who tax food."



TAMMY SPICER/The Chart
Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) shows members of Missouri Southern's Student Senate the Senate chambers in Jefferson City. In all, 18 student senators went to the Capitol for the group's annual visit.

Members of the Student Senate also had the opportunity to meet with Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson, Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), and area representatives.

Singleton spent time with the group before session in the Senate chambers.

He gave a history of the room, along with that of the State Capitol and state government.

When session began, Singleton stood to introduce the students from his district and said, with a smile, they were from "Missouri [Southern] State University," hint-

ing at the school's desired name change.

"I think everything was really worthwhile," said Eden Aber, junior mathematics and computer science major and Student Senate vice president.

Scott Gordon, senior criminal justice major, was on his first visit to the Capitol. He said Singleton was extremely helpful and the building was unbelievable.

"It's been great getting to see my future workplace," Gordon said with a smile. "I have always been interested in a career in politics." □

Five clubs seek funds

By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Due to a backlog of allocations, Missouri Southern's Student Senate reviewed five applications for funds. It became known that there is not a rule stating the Senate can review no more than three funding applications at each meeting.

Rather, the Senate adopted the informal policy two years ago in order to keep weekly meetings balanced.

Pi Omega Pi first requested \$900 to go to a national convention in New York City. Melanie Gibson, Pi Omega Pi president, went before the body and announced the club raised some money itself and now needed only \$700.

"The amount we are seeking would pay for part of room and board and airfare," Gibson said.

Alpha Kappa Delta requested \$2,000 to attend a conference March 26-29 in New Orleans. Kimberly Lawry, Alpha Kappa Delta president, said the club was asking for twice as much as usually allocated because members would like to fly to New Orleans. Because the convention is directly before Easter, the members expressed concern driving to New Orleans.

They would not return in time to spend time with their families, Lawry said. The Senate allocated \$1,000.

The Art League requested and received \$1,000 to travel to Chicago. Gary Crim, Art League president, said the organization has been holding fund-raisers to pay part of the expense to Chicago.

Lambda Epsilon Chi requested and received \$330 in order to go

Student Senate FINANCES

FEB. 26 REQUESTS

- Pi Omega Pi — Request: \$700 Received: \$700
- Alpha Kappa Delta — Request: \$2,000 Received: \$1,000
- Art League — Request: \$1,000 Received: \$1,000
- Lambda Epsilon Chi — Request: \$330 Received: \$330
- Chi Epsilon Phi — Request: \$500 Received: \$500

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

to Columbia this weekend to attend the Mid-Missouri Paralegal Association Seminar.

Chi Epsilon Phi requested \$500 to build a model airplane for competition in Aero Design West. The activity will be under way until June 1998. Senior senator Lisa Ross suggested Chi Epsilon Phi speak with the Student Research Committee. It meets monthly to allocate money to research projects.

The Senate decided to allocate the requested \$500 if the SRC grant doesn't go through. The committee is scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. today. □

POLITICS



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Dr. Phil Whittle (left), director of the Regional Crime Laboratory explains to Sen. John Ashcroft (R-Mo.) how time consuming busting methamphetamine labs can be.

Ashcroft discusses meth with local law

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

With enough equipment in the middle of the classroom to start a small methamphetamine outfit, Sen. John Ashcroft (R-Mo.) listened to local law enforcement officials explain their efforts to fight the drug's production Feb. 20.

This was a fact-finding mission for the senator, who said his interest in fighting meth labs began as Missouri's attorney general more than a decade ago. Several area sheriff's offices were represented at the conference held at the Mills Anderson Criminal Justice Center at Missouri Southern. Missouri has just been named a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. The only mark of distinction this label carries is more federal funding to fight the drug war. Ashcroft's visit was one of several stops in the state to see where these funds need to go, he said.

"Methamphetamines are becoming the drug of choice," Ashcroft said. "In some place it is replacing crack. We shut down more meth labs in the state of Missouri last year than any other state."

Dr. Phil Whittle, director of the Regional Crime Laboratory at Southern, told Ashcroft most abandoned labs leave plenty of evidence behind to point the finger at what was occurring.

"I've been in this business for a little over 27 years," Whittle said. "I'd never thought something like this would come along and clog up the system the way it has."

Because so much evidence, most of which is chemicals, is left behind, officers have to bring in lab officials to categorize and mark the evidence. □

LECTURE

Touch of Senegal comes to College

African writer speaks of continent's history

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

She's been to France, Italy, Belgium, and Holland. She's been to Spain, Austria, China, and Australia. Now she's in the United States and she's coming to Joplin.

As one of Africa's leading writers, Aminata Sow Fall has traveled extensively to speak on cultural and literary topics. A native of Senegal, Sow Fall is a French professor at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Dakar (Teacher's College) and the Institute of Journalism, Dakar. She is currently a visiting professor at Columbia College in South Carolina.

Her literary work includes five works of fiction and two non-fiction books, as well as numerous textbooks and articles. One of her books, *La Greve des Battus*, was named the Best Literary Work in Black Africa in 1980 by the Académie Française. Dr. Maryann Weber, associate professor of communications, met Sow Fall in Senegal in 1995 and has been instrumental in arranging her visit to Missouri Southern.

"I visited her bookstore in a suburb of Dakar, and she spoke to a group of us about her writing," Weber said. "I was not very familiar with African literature before my trip to Senegal, so it was a learning experience for me."

Sow Fall will make two formal presentations during her visit here. She will recount an oral history of Africa through stories, tales, and tribal epics at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10 in Webster Hall auditorium. The following morning at 9:30 she will give a convocation lecture on "Reflections of a Society in Transition: African Literature and Society," also in Webster Hall auditorium.

"This is a fabulous opportunity to speak with and listen to someone who comes from a very different culture from our own," Weber said. "The Internet and television may put the world in our living rooms, but just seeing the images does not really mean we comprehend the culture. People can be just as closed-minded after seeing the images if they haven't actually seen and talked to a person."

Sow Fall's books are written in French, but one has been translated into six languages including English.

Dr. William Kumbier, associate professor of English at Southern, has several copies of the English translation of *The Beggars' Strike*. Through a special arrangement with the publisher, Kumbier is able to sell the books at a discount cost of \$8.75.

An informal discussion of the book will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 in Room 357 of Webster Hall. The discussion is open to both students and faculty; everyone should bring his or her own lunch.

"We made the time from 12 to 1:30 so that people at least would be able to attend part of it," Weber said. "It's a drop-in discussion."

"I strongly encourage people to read this book and attend the discussion," Kumbier said. "Our appreciation for this writer will be greatly enhanced if we have read some of her work." □



DR. MARYANN WEBER/Special to The Chart

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Cardinals' broadcasts may soon end on MSTV

Broadcasts of St. Louis Cardinals baseball games on Missouri Southern Television (KGCS-LP) for the coming season are in limbo.

According to a release by MSTV, the Cardinals have not decided whether they will grant broadcast rights to the station.

The Cardinals have indicated they are reevaluating relationships with educational and low-power stations such as MSTV. The Cardinals management has not yet decided if it will offer televised games for Joplin viewers.

If the games are not made available, it will be the first time since 1988 the Cardinals have not appeared on MSTV.

The telecasts appear on UHF channel 57, as well as on channel 7 on Joplin's cable system.

Baseball telecasts are also carried at various times on surrounding cable television systems, including Carthage, Lamar, Monett, and Neosho.

MSTV still plans to broadcast about 50 Kansas City Royals games.

The Major League Baseball season begins April 1. The Kansas City Royals have a televised game scheduled at 2 p.m. at Baltimore that day. □

Stebbins receives award for outstanding thesis

Bowling Green State University has named Dr. Chad Stebbins, assistant professor of communications at Missouri Southern, as the 1996 Distinguished Dissertation Award Winner.

Stebbins earned the award for his dissertation, "All the News Is Fit to Print: A Biography of Country Editor Arthur Aull." Aull was editor and publisher of the *Lamar Democrat* from 1900 to 1948.

Selection for the award is based on the quality, originality, and clarity of the dissertation as well as the overall contribution to the nominee's discipline.

For his work, Stebbins received a \$500 student honorarium and certificate of citation. His dissertation adviser, Dr. Ray Laakaniemi, received a \$200 award.

Stebbins earned his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1982 from Southern and his master's degree from Central Missouri State University in 1984. He received his Ph.D. from Bowling Green in 1995.

Created in 1995, the Distinguished Dissertation Award is given to a doctoral student whose thesis is judged by a committee of four university faculty to represent the finest in doctoral-level scholarship at Bowling Green.

Nominations for the award are made by the graduate faculty. Each nominee must then submit two copies of his or her dissertation, two copies of a dissertation abstract, a letter of nomination from the student's thesis adviser or of the student's graduate program, a letter of nomination from the student's graduate coordinator, and a one-page résumé. □

Radio station schedules 4th annual wine tasting

The fourth annual wine tasting benefit for 88.7 KXMS, Joplin's Fine Arts Station, will be held by the Klassix Society from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 at the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Wines from Europe, California, and Missouri will be offered at the event sponsored by The Red Onion Cafe, S.J.L. Beverage, and the Klassix Society. A donation of \$14 per person will be accepted.

The Klassix Society provides support and services for 88.7 KXMS, a service of the communications department at Southern.

Reservations for the wine tasting can be made by calling (417) 659-4434. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Big dobbers, crowds part of goofy game

Why is there nothing to do in Joplin? I mean, this is a college town, and yet, nothing. There is one decent bar, but for those of us who are non-drinkers, well I guess that rules that out. So what else is there to do? Nothing. Absolutely nothing.

There are the usual bowling alleys, pool halls, and such, but come on. How many times can you sit in a

smoky room wearing rented shoes and throw a ball down a lane?

In my endless pursuit of new things to do, I have begun to try everything.

I have tried zoos in other cities, I have tried just driving until I hit a new town, and



Jason Owen
Sports Editor

then I crossed the line of absolute boredom.

I did something last weekend that I never thought I would ever do in a million years.

I played bingo.

My fiancée and I set off on our little journey Friday. We left about 6:30 p.m., and after about 45 minutes of driving ended up in Grove, Okla., at the Seneca-Cayuga Bingo Hall.

Now, I have to tell you that even as I pulled up I felt a little goofy. I mean, bingo is for old people with nothing else to do, right?

Well, I have to admit there was a large contingent of the those, but there were also quite a few younger people.

Sitting down to try to play, I began to realize the extent of what I had undertaken.

Staring back up at me from the table was row after row of numbers and letters.

I have played bingo before, but it was always a two-card maximum at school parties.

I was now confronted with nine cards, 216 numbers, and some of the most bizarre games I had ever seen.

We played games like bee swat, double postage stamp, and check mark. Needless to say, I was a little bit lost.

After overcoming the obstacle of the cards, I then moved on to the problem of how to mark them.

Looking down the table a few seats, I saw what had to be at least 30 bingo blotters.

Seeing that they were unattended and assuming that they were for everyone, my fiancée and I grabbed one apiece, and began to play.

It was then that one woman sat down, and noticing the blotters that we were using, proceeded to ask us for hers back.

I then realized that each person needs 30 blotters to play bingo. I'm not sure why, I got by fine with one, but apparently most normal people need 30.

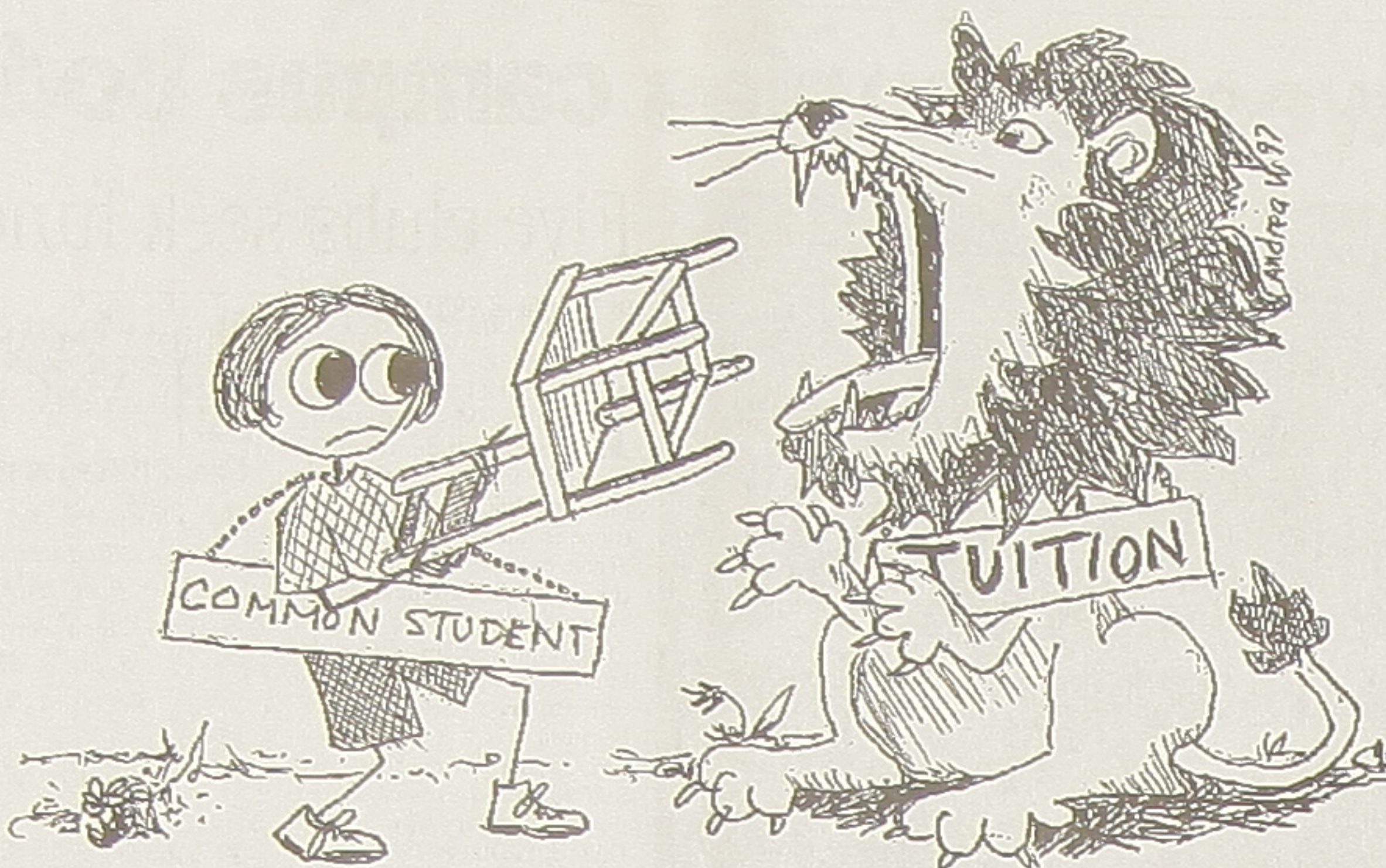
I do have to say that she was nice enough to loan us different blotters until we could get our own, but I will never understand the need for 30 blotters.

All in all, I have to say that I enjoyed my time at the bingo hall. It was an interesting, smoke-filled evening, and the \$500 prizes are pretty nice. I didn't win, but there is always next time.

It's sad when there is so little to do in a college town, especially since it is the one I live in.

So the next time you're sitting at home bored out of your mind, tired of bowling and miniature golf, you might try bingo.

You just might like it. ☐



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Tuition's going up, so what?

Tuition is going to go up. Add this to the list — right behind taxes. Nothing in life is certain except death, taxes, and tuition going up.

It's not a happy thought. It is somewhat sickening, actually. However, the fact remains that even with a tuition increase, Missouri Southern will still be the most inexpensive collegiate buy in the state.

Currently, it costs \$70 for every credit hour, which translates to \$140 for out-of-state students. Southern is not necessarily cheap. Instead, administrators like to refer to the College as economical.

Students fear the impending tuition hike every year, but if it was done in increments like gas, eggs, milk, or bread prices no one would notice.

No concern should be raised when — and if — tuition goes up; at least the student body is being warned. Grocers and gas stations don't put out bulletins before they jack up prices.

When the Board of Regents decides today to raise tuition, this shouldn't come as a shock to anyone. It happens every year. It's only a few dollars more.

If the Board decides to increase the tuition a little more than it has in the past, don't act shocked or appalled.

With the minimum wage being increased yet again, it will take a little inflation on the College's part to keep the nearly 200 student employees on the payroll.

Another reason the College needs to raise a little extra cash this coming year is because every higher education institution in the state was shafted by Gov. Mel Carnahan. Entering the next millennium, the College is going to face some serious needs, more than many other colleges in the system.

No groans should be heard when the tuition is hiked.

Remember the good things about Southern — they do outweigh the bad — and don't think twice about reaching a bit deeper into the pocket next year. ☐

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: ms-chart@mscc.edu. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Columnist should be more informed about subjects

We think J.L. Griffin's sports column on Feb. 20, 1997, was inappropriate and misleading for several reasons.

First, you do a good job in pointing out the obvious about our current basketball facilities; it is clear they are sub-par on the national level.

Coach Corn does not publicly use Young Gymnasium as an excuse for his team's performance, therefore, why should anyone else?

You are assuming too much when you make a direct correlation between the success of the team and the facilities they play in.

Let's remember the great 1992-93 team played in the same gym the team is playing in now.

Also, Southwest Baptist is 5-13 in the conference, and their gym is much better than Missouri Southern's.

Secondly, how many years have you been an athletic director?

Mr. Frazier has been around coaches and coaching for over 20 years, and as a result, he is able to determine if he has a quality coach.

It must be pretty clear to Mr. Frazier that Coach Corn is more than capable of coaching here at Missouri Southern.

It is also the general feeling among many of the athletes, both basketball players and non-basketball players that Coach Wilson (assistant coach) has as much integrity as any person you will meet. This says tons about Coach Corn.

Thirdly, it is obvious you have not played much athletics.

If you think athletes are not motivated to win because there is no pressure from the athletic department, you are sadly mistaken.

Competition is what motivates athletes. You also seem to think there is a better person out there to motivate the players on the basketball team. This is an insult to the players; it says that these players are not playing hard. How naive can you be?

Maybe the change should start with sports columnists being more informed.

We would like to end with a few questions. How many practices have you been to? How many bus rides have you been on? How many team meetings have you been to? Maybe you should experience a few of these before you make judgments.

Bryce Darnell, senior education major
John Filben, senior computer information science major

Andy Hill, senior marketing/management major

Southern lucky to have Corn leading basketball Lions

I am writing this letter to express my opinion as to the fantastic job Robert Corn has done, not only this season, but throughout his career as the head men's basketball coach at Missouri Southern.

During his tenure he has not only brought championship basketball to the College as well as the city of Joplin, but he has also done so without compromising the ethics and the character of the program.

Missouri Southern's men's basketball program has always been among the best in graduation rates in the MIAA. Only Truman State has a higher graduation rate

among its basketball players than Missouri Southern. One needs only to look at the graduation rates of Lion basketball players compared to the general student population to illustrate the point that Lion basketball players are students first, athletes second.

Robert Corn is an exceptional role model, not only for other coaches in today's win-at-all-costs mentality in society and athletics, but also for his young sons, Rob and Scott.

As for on the court, the future of Lions' basketball looks very bright as they return all five starters and many key reserves from this year's team. The Lions are

always ready to play, quoting Bob Chipman, Washburn head coach: "Missouri Southern is a very scary team to play, especially at tournament time.... I know Missouri Southern has beaten Washburn more times than any other school this time of year."

Missouri Southern is very fortunate to have a man and a coach of the caliber of Robert Corn as their men's basketball coach.

Ron Fauss
Southern Class of 1995

IN PERSPECTIVE

Successful teachers make learning fun

I believe we are born with an innate curiosity about our world. Most of us have lost this curiosity by the time we are teenagers because we have been taught that learning is drudgery, not fun.

Consequently, I believe successful teachers make learning fun again. How I think this is done is discussed below.

• **Successful teachers care about their students.**

They talk with them before and after class. They understand that each student has special gifts and talents so they are long on praise and short on public criticism. They make learning a personal experience that benefits students more than it aggrandizes themselves.

• **Successful teachers bring enthusiasm to their classroom.** They move all over the room. They rarely sit behind desks. They make eye contact with as many students as possible.

And they talk excitedly, often with humor, about their subject matter.

• **Successful teachers know their subject matter.** They can speak credibly and without notes about what they are teaching.

• **Successful teachers use a mix of methods and appeal to different learning styles.** They are aware that some students learn best when they hear information, others when they see it, some only if they touch it.

Thus, they adjust their teaching methods to meet the needs of individual students.

They know visual aid can illuminate.

For example, I am convinced that computer-generated movies of cellular and molecular dynamics allow students to understand these processes far more quickly and correctly than static pictures alone.

• **Successful teachers relate the subject matter to their students' everyday lives.** They often refer to current films or new or situations in their communities to explain the lessons.

They tell personal stories that relate to what they are teaching and encourage students to do the same.

An example from chemistry is relating atomic magnitudes to everyday life.

A speck of iron 0.01 mm x 0.01 mm x 0.01 mm is just visible to the naked eye. Along one edge of this speck are roughly 40,000 atoms. This corresponds to the number of spectators in a large sports crowd, something many people have seen on television.

• **Successful teachers have high expectations.** They reject mediocrity and demand 100 percent from their students.

Good teachers try nearly anything to get pupils to give their best — coaxing, cajoling, even pleading — knowing that performing their own work with excellence and pride is the best technique. ☐



Dr. John Summerfield
Assistant professor of chemistry

Bill proposes English test for teachers

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri public college and university instructors soon may be facing a new test, this one in English.

A bill filed by Rep. Joan Barry (D-St. Louis) would require testing of English fluency in classroom instructors.

"Students from the University [of Missouri-Columbia] came to my office and expressed concerns," Barry said. "They had teachers that they were not able to understand."

A standard test approved by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education will be used to evaluate the instructors' fluency, according to the bill.

Currently the bill applies to faculty or graduate teaching assistants who teach one or more credit courses at one or more campuses, the bill states.

It will not affect instructors of foreign language, independent study, or elective and individual instruction, although those issues may be addressed further, Barry said.

"The university already has something in place where a student can file a complaint," she said. "But many students feel their concerns are not addressed."

Barry's bill is similar to one sponsored by Rep. May Scheve (D-St. Louis) last year that didn't make it to the House floor, Barry said.

"Since we don't have grad assistants and Dr. Leon personally interviews every candidate, I don't think it will affect Missouri Southern," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

A mother of four grown children, Barry has direct experience with the issue. She said students deserve to understand their instructors. "As a consumer and parent," she said, "you want to get what you pay for."

Tatiana Karmanova, director of Southern's international language resource center and a foreign language instructor, wouldn't be required to take the test as the bill is currently worded. But she did take a similar test at the University of Texas.

"University of Texas has a large majority of international graduate students who teach," Karmanova explained. "Those who didn't pass the test then spent one semester in an intensive English program."

Most instructors at Southern already have their doctorates and have attended lectures in English, written English papers, and even taught in English, so the bill wouldn't have much impact here, Karmanova said.

As it stands, the bill would require all instructors to take the test, but Barry is considering the possibility of adding a grandfather clause for already employed faculty. Once an instructor passes the test, he or she will not be required to take it again.

Any violations of the bill would result in a reduction in the state appropriation for the institution of \$5,000 for each course taught by a faculty member found not to be fluent in English. According to the bill, each institution will be required to certify to CBHE by Sept. 1 of every year that all recently hired faculty have passed the English fluency evaluation. □

LOBBYING



Gov. Mel Carnahan speaks to the Missouri Southern Student Senate on its annual visit to Jefferson City on Monday. In addition to touring the Capitol, the group also talked with Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson, Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), and area representatives.

Student lobbying efforts vary

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri colleges and universities show several different levels of participation at the State Capitol.

"We have students who are registered lobbyists and work at the Capitol daily," said Andrew Grabau, a senior at the University of Missouri-Columbia and a member of Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM).

The student-lobbyists represent the student bodies of the UM system. They focus on issues of importance to the university, such as a bill allowing student representatives to attend all governing board meetings and a House Joint Resolution recommending more legislative control of money appropriated to the UM system, according to Grabau.

Another facet of the UM system's participation at the Capitol is its annual lobbyist day. On Wednesday, students from all the campuses represented the system at a luncheon in the Capitol rotunda.

"We get a lot of feedback from the legislators," Grabau said. "They are surprised because students are so interested in the process."

Funding for the lobbying activities for the UM system comes from a student fee of \$2.31 per semester, according to Grabau.

Wednesday was the second free lunch legislators have received from state universities in the past two weeks.

Last week, about 20 Northwest State University students offered legislators a buffet lunch in exchange for a few moments of conversation, said Kelly Ferguson, a senior at Northwest and vice president of the student senate.

“They (legislators) are surprised because students are so interested in the process.”

Andrew Grabau
University of Missouri-Columbia

"It was wonderful," Ferguson said. "The legislators seemed to enjoy it, and I know the students did. Most of the talk was about majors rather than policy."

The students' primary focus was to have lawmakers become more aware of mission enhancement goals at the university. One of the enhancement goals is to have a computer in every resident room on campus by the end of 1997. To help keep the issue on the mind of legislators, students presented them with mouse pads bearing Northwest's logo, according to Ferguson.

Northwest funds this day entirely through the student senate. Money comes from alumni funds and fund-raisers, Ferguson said.

Students at Southwest Missouri State University have been showing their interest in the legislative process through a different outlet. The student body has been circulating a petition around campus asking lawmakers for reconsideration of capital

improvement funds. Students are requesting the \$1.2 million allocation needed for the university library, said Larry Evans, a junior and member of the student senate.

In the past SMSU has also provided legislators with a free meal in their lobbying efforts, according to Evans.

"Usually only reps from our area showed up," he said. "But they were already on our side most of the time, so we didn't feel it was very useful."

The SMSU student senate had a trip to the Capitol planned, but it was recently canceled due to the fear of alienating lawmakers who were already on the side of the university, Evans said.

"We are doing things outside of the student senate to lobby for our primary focus, the library," he said.

Missouri Southern also spent about 10 years providing a meal to senators and representatives, said Doug Carnahan, adviser to its student senate.

"It's really costly, and they (student senators) felt it wasn't working," Carnahan said. "Too big of a percentage of the Senate funding was being spent on the meals."

On Monday evening, AmeriServe Food Company and Southern's student services office provided the College's student senate and Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) with a complimentary meal. Other legislators were welcome, but none were available to be invited.

Southern's student senate spent Monday and Tuesday in Jefferson City touring the Capitol, visiting with the governor and lieutenant governor, and meeting area legislators.

The intent of the trip was not to lobby, as there were not any really hot issues dealing directly with Southern, according to Carnahan. □

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Carnahan picks Havens as new adjutant general

Gov. Mel Carnahan has selected Brig. Gen. John Havens of St. James to succeed Maj. Gen. Raymond Pendergrass as adjutant general. Pendergrass retires on Friday and pending Senate confirmation, Havens will serve as acting adjutant general. Havens is currently assistant adjutant general for the Missouri Army National Guard.

"We owe Maj. Gen. Pendergrass a great debt of gratitude for his dedicated and lengthy service to the people of Missouri," Carnahan said. "I am especially proud of his outstanding leadership as adjutant general and his work during the floods of 1993 and 1995."

The adjutant general heads the Army and Air National Guard forces of the state, consisting of approximately 10,000 members. He also serves as chief military adviser to the governor. Guard units fill national defense missions worldwide under orders of federal authorities and serve at home in time of emergency under orders from the governor. □

Trout season begins; large crowds expected

Officials in three state parks are preparing for an annual tradition that marks the beginning of fishing season for many anglers. At 6:30 a.m. Saturday, trout fishing season begins at Roaring River State Park near Cassville, Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, and Montauk State Park near Salem.

Because opening day is on a Saturday, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials expect a large turnout. More than 7,500 tags were sold at the three parks on opening day last year, which was on a Friday, so park officials expect an even larger turnout this year.

Trout tags may be purchased at the state park concession stores. Trout season runs through Oct. 31 each year.

Although fishing will be the featured activity for the day, the parks offer other opportunities, such as hiking and learning about the parks through exhibits in the interpretive and nature centers. All three parks include campgrounds as well as dining and lodging facilities.

Visitors to the park this year will see some changes and improvements. A new modern restroom has been constructed near the spring at Bennett Spring State Park, and work is progressing on the new lodge at Roaring River State Park. □

Stormwater workshop focuses on area lakes

A workshop on stormwater management will be held at the College of the Ozarks Wednesday. The workshop, sponsored by Missouri Department of Natural Resources, will provide information on impacts of stormwater quality in southwest Missouri; these impacts affect the water quality of Table Rock Lake and Lake Taneycomo.

The morning session of the one-day workshop will provide a brief overview on why stormwater management is important and how it is regulated at the state and local levels. Recent changes to Missouri's stormwater permits will also be addressed. The afternoon speakers will focus on techniques and the best management practices to manage stormwater to minimize its negative impacts on public water supplies, aquatic habitat, and the community's infrastructure.

The workshop is free; however, reservations are encouraged to ensure an adequate number of handouts are available.

For more information, people may call Jaci Ferguson at DNR's Southwest Regional Office in Springfield, (417) 891-4300. □

WHO'S TALLER?



Alfie shows Karen Stix, of the Central Missouri Humane Society, his trick at the fourth annual Humane Day at the Capitol Tuesday.

SENATE

Jury duty exemptions may expand

Bill proposes excusing some potential jurors

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Children, transportation, and employment are some of the reasons a person could be excused from jury duty, according to a Senate bill.

"Some people have expressed concern and frustration with compulsory jury duty," said Sen. John Russell (R-Lebanon), the bill's sponsor, "often times for very valid reasons."

In his bill, a person would be excused if he or she had sole responsibility for a child less than 8 years old. Anyone without their own transportation would also be excused.

Two other groups that would be affected are anyone with a dependent, either adult or minor, for whom it would cause hardship to serve on jury duty and any person who is one of only two employees or workers in a business. For the last instance, a written request would be necessary.

In Jasper County, fewer than 25 percent of all potential jurors ask to be excused from their jury duty service, said Kathleen McGuire, Jasper County circuit clerk.

The office sends a questionnaire to citizens every other month.

Nearly 550 summons were sent to citizens, as potential jurors, last month; however, fewer than 200 were returned to the circuit clerk office to be considered for service.

Jury duty service lasts for two months, and there are usually between 30 and 35 jury trials per year, McGuire said.

The bill also offers several situations in which a juror might be excused from service, including any person for whom jury duty would cause a child to be left unattended for extended periods of time.

"Say someone has a child in school who gets on the bus in the morning and would be back home around 3:30," Russell said. "A jury sometimes stays until late evening, and that child could be left alone."

If an employee is urgently needed to fulfill job responsibilities and his or her employer requests that he or she be released from jury duty, it would be considered.

Finally, any person with medical problems or anyone for whom jury duty would impose a financial hardship would also be possibly excused, according to the bill.

The bill, assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee, has undergone several changes since it was first introduced. The original wording simply stated "Any woman who requests so in writing and lives more than five miles from the county seat" would be excused from jury duty.

The first version of the bill was written in a hurry and the new wording is more to Russell's satisfaction, he said.

Russell said this probably isn't the first time a bill of this nature has been introduced, but he hasn't noticed any similar legislation in recent memory.

"Jury duty should not be an extreme burden," Russell finished. "An inconvenience, but not a burden." □

THE CHART AROUND CAMPUS

Thursday, February 27, 1997

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Today 27

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:20 p.m.—
Model United Nations meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223
6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
• Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

Friday 28

11:00 a.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, Webster Hall, Room 115

Saturday 1

2:30 p.m.—
Aesop's Fables, Taylor Auditorium

Sunday 2

2:30 p.m.—
Aesop's Fables, Taylor Auditorium
6 p.m.—
Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th and Pearl
7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement
• Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 3

7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building
9 p.m.—
On-Campus Bible Study, Apt. H-7, Stone Hall

Tuesday 4

Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313
• CMLA meeting, Taylor Hall, Room 114
12:15 p.m.—
Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Hearnes Hall, Room 211
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
2:15 p.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church
7:30 p.m.—
David Hackett Fischer presents "Freedom's Many Faces: An American Iconography" Webster Hall auditorium

Wednesday 5

11 a.m.—
David Hackett Fischer presents "The Ebony Tree: African Cultures in America" Webster Hall auditorium
Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123

Attention:

Do you have an announcement pertaining to a campus organization? If so, please contact Ginny at 625-9311 to have your information put into the campus calendar.

STUDENT FEATURE

Kuhlmann excels

Biology major believes motivation key to success

By GINNY DUMOND
CAMPUS EDITOR

Pre-Professional Biology Club president, Koinonia vice president, and member of Missouri Southern's Student Senate food and parking committees are just a few of the credentials that follow the name of senior biology major Zak Kuhlmann.

"If I weren't so involved I'd be bored," Kuhlmann says.

Involved may be the perfect word for the Tulsa native who is a senior in credits but a junior in years.

"I can't complain if I'm not involved," he said.

Kuhlmann starts his day at 5:30 with a dose of early morning running or exercise.

"It gives me a chance to clear my thoughts and relax," he said.

His 18 hours of classes coupled with daily meetings for various organizations and homework leave Kuhlmann with a great deal of stress and little time for sleeping.

When the stresses of college begin to bear down on Kuhlmann, he finds comfort in his relationship with God.

"God motivates me to strive to do my best," he said. "I don't think I could get through the stress without him."

Though Kuhlmann's future plans are still unclear, he will be graduating in May 1998 and hopes to attend graduate school in Oklahoma City with the aspiration of becoming a doctor.

"I really enjoy the sciences," he said. "I've had some experience in the medical field, and I really feel that medicine is my calling in life."

Kuhlmann says his time and involvement at Southern have been beneficial.

"Southern has refined my people skills in my dealings with students, faculty, and staff," he said. "I've learned to be gracefully blunt."

The prospect of graduating is bitter-sweet for the 21-year-old.

"I have mixed feelings about graduating," he said. "I really enjoy college, but I'm eager to get on to the next stage of my life." □



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Zak Kuhlmann, senior biology major, believes God motivates him to perform to the best of his ability.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATION

Small club could have big impact

By ANDRE SMITH
CHART REPORTER

The Computer Information Science Club may be one of the smallest on campus, but it could provide the biggest of opportunities.

The club is designed for students majoring or interested in computer programming.

Nathan Herndon, senior CIS major and president of the club, said it helps students better understand their field of study.

"We take tours to businesses around the area," Herndon said. "They show us the work environment, the machines the employees work with, and tell us what kind of computer applications they use."

Work environment experience was one of the areas Herndon deemed important.

He said he has heard stories of people who get a four-year degree in certain fields and end up being unhappy with their career choice.

"People have to get part-time jobs in their field of study," he said. "That way they can find out if it is really what they want to do."

Herndon said being a computer programmer is not a social occupation.

"If you want to be a programmer, you've got to realize that you won't be running around all day talking to people," he said. "You will be in a little cubical staring at a computer screen all day."

The club has not taken a tour yet this semester, but several are in the planning process.

Kym Williams, a sophomore CIS major, said this club is not like other business organizations.

"Most of the business clubs just bring in speakers," she said. "We actually go to the places, check out the equipment, and talk to the head honchos."

Some of the tours taken in the past include Tamko, U.S. Telecom, Empire District Electric, and Freeman Hospital.

Williams and Herndon agreed one of the best tours they attended was at the Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark.

"You wouldn't believe some of the systems they have there," Williams said.

"They have one of the largest databases in the world," Herndon added. "It's like looking at something from Star Trek because of all the lights and machines. They probably hire a thousand workers just to maintain everything."

The CIS club meets every other Friday at 1 p.m. in Matthews Hall, Room 207. Dues are \$15 for two semesters and \$10 for one.

Herndon said more people should take advantage of the CIS club.

"The tours are really beneficial," he said. "Employers look for things like this on resumes." □

INTRAMURAL ACTION

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Green league:	
1. SID's Kids	6-0
2. Southern Comfort	5-0
3. Wayside Furniture	6-1
4. Seneca	5-5
5. Sons of God	3-4
6. Cocks	3-4
7. Vertical Toe Leaps	3-4
8. Brew Crew	2-4
9. Sigma Pi	1-5
10. Young Guns	1-6
Yellow league:	
1. We're Gonna Score	6-0
2. Da Boys	6-0
3. Hardwood	6-1
4. Young Guns II	4-2
5. Rim Rockers	4-2
6. Meretricious Nights	2-5
7. Solos	2-6
8. Killian's Red	1-5
9. The Punks	1-6
10. The Chosen Ones	1-7

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

1. Little Bitty	3-0
2. Players	2-0
3. The Heat	2-1
4. The Chosen Ones	0-3
5. The G-Force	0-3

Missouri Southern's intramural program allows many students the opportunity to compete with their friends for prizes.

TIM WILSON/The Chart

CAMPUS MINISTRY

World hunger prompts Newman Club fast

By GINNY DUMOND
CAMPUS EDITOR

Stomachs were growling Friday and Saturday as three members of Missouri Southern's Newman Club got a taste of what it feels like for the millions in the world who are malnourished and starving every day.

"I've been concerned about

world hunger before," said Tony Tessman, junior graphic design major, "but this is the first time I've ever done anything about it."

Individuals in the community made contributions or pledged money for each hour the students fasted.

The group raised more than \$300 in the 30 hours it fasted, said Angela Streeter, Newman Club president and junior

Spanish major. Funds raised during the fast will benefit the World Vision Organization which feeds hungry people worldwide.

"It only takes a dollar to feed a child for two days," Streeter said. "This is the least we can do."

Tessman said the experience made him appreciate his blessings.

"There are a lot of people who are on the edge of existence," he

said. "I feel so fortunate to have all that I have."

Fasting for more than a day was enough to make Streeter see the severity of world hunger.

"It left me with a greater awareness of the world's needs," she said. "A deprivation of food, one of the essential needs in life, allowed me to experience for 30 hours what some people experience for a lifetime." □

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SPORTS INFORMATION

Moore enjoys his sporty craft

By BRIAN SHIVLEY
CHART REPORTER

There are a few athletes who possess a gift. They get the glory. When they don't make it at the next level, however, the affair is finished.

"The ones that scrape by are not there on talent," said Joe Moore, Missouri Southern's new sports information director, "but because they have a love for the game."

His career lends support to his theory. Four unspectacular years on Central Missouri State's football practice squad netted Moore little game time. He spent three years as a defensive back and switched to wide receiver during his senior year in an effort to at least gain some active time on the field.

He stayed in Warrensburg to complete his master's degree in mass communications. During that period, he worked for CMSU's sports information director.

Dickinson State University in North Dakota gave him the tap for his first full-time position. He served in multiple capacities including sports information, campus news bureau, and campus photographer.

After two years of cold, Moore was thrilled when he found out about the position at Southern. He was headed home to Missouri and

the MIAA. Moore started his duties at Southern in November and has been overseeing the flow of information about Lion teams and athletes since he arrived. Long hours on the job during this time of the year are normal. His perspective is biased by the fact that he enjoys his craft.

"I haven't worked a day since I've been here," Moore said.

He loves the camaraderie. He loves being part of the teams. He loves the physical determination required to keep himself in condition.

The decision to follow the career path he has chosen has its drawbacks. He knows he could earn more money doing other things.

"I'm rich in other areas of my life besides money," Moore said. "I've learned to live within my means so that I can do what is important to me."

Establishing and keeping priorities is important to Moore, and relationships are high on his list. He said he is trying to immortalize his father, whom he describes as "a person who cares for the people who work with him."

"One of the best days I've had here at Southern was when I got to spend the day in the dugout with the baseball team keeping stats," Moore said. "It gave me the chance to get to know the players



New sports information director Joe Moore (right) talks with Dustin Lunow (center), the voice of the Missouri Southern Lions and Lady Lions, and Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, before Saturday's basketball games against Pittsburg State at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

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better and to become more a part of the team."

Southern athletes recognize his genuine attitude and have asked him to be a sponsor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He speaks freely about his faith and how it affects his priorities.

"The single most important event in my life was being saved," Moore said.

He thinks example is much more important than talk, though.

For example, he hits the weights on a regular basis.

"I would be embarrassed to suggest to our athletes that they had to work hard at conditioning if I didn't work at it myself," Moore said.

His lifting ritual includes jibbing other athletic

department staff with invitations to join him in the weight room.

Even though being good at a chosen sport is important to Moore, being a balanced person is more important.

"I take athletics seriously, just like the rest of the staff at Southern," he said, "but not at the expense of being a complete person." □

BILLINGSLY STUDENT CENTER

Southern grad. takes over night shift

By MAX KHOA BUI
CHART REPORTER

A 1996 Missouri Southern graduate, Cameo Harrington, has become night manager of the Billingsly Student Center and assistant coordinator of student activities.

She graduated in December with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

"Psychology was the thing that I most enjoyed and was interested in," she said.

Harrington works at the College from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

She is also employed by Lowe's Home Center in Joplin.

She likes to work with the Campus Activities Board and the people around her.

"They are really a fun group, and I get to go to all of the dances, movies, and all that kind of stuff," she said. "I'm supposed to be here to supervise and be a driver for the trips."

"Sometimes, it gets kind of boring here at night because there is nothing going on in the building," she said.

"But that is OK; I'm sitting here by myself watching TV."

Harrington has lived in Joplin since she was 5. She graduated from Joplin High School in 1992.

"I like Joplin. It is a good town," she said.

She lives with her parents, Bob and Crystal, and a sister, Laura, who is expected to graduate from high school this year.

"Right now, I'm saving some money, paying off Christmas bills, and all that kind of stuff. Then I'm going to move out in either April or May," she said.

At Southern, Harrington taught a College Orientation class for three years and was student director of the program last fall.

She also worked full-time all the way through college.

"I had not a lot of time, but Orientation is a lot of fun and it was something I really enjoyed," she said.

Harrington has not traveled much in her life.

"The longest trip she has ever taken was to the Bahamas when she was in junior high school. She also likes to read books for enjoyment in her spare time."

She thinks those who have strength in their conviction and believe in themselves and in their version of good are her heroes.

"I would like to do something where I'm helping people and I'm able to interact with people because I'm a very social person," she said.

She eventually plans to pursue her master's and doctorate in psychology.

"But right now I need a break, to find a good job, and save some money," she said.

Her advice to students is to stay active and get involved with the clubs and meet people.

"It's very important to get involved with other things, to get involved with other groups and activities so that you are more well-rounded." □

ASSESSMENT

Robertson views family job No. 1

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

Most mothers find it hard to work at a job and still find enough quality time to spend with their families. Even a part-time job can demand more than what it gives back in rewards.

Gloria Robertson spends most of the week at her rural Redings Mill home with her husband, Roger, and 2-year-old son, Cameron.

Since August, she has worked part-time as an assistant at the center for assessment and institutional research, coming in on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"I was hired to help with reports and do research assistant-type projects," she said.

"Mostly, I work on the computer and pull up information off of the database. I put the information in report form so that we can send it to departments across campus."

During the lunch hour, Robertson participates in an aquacize class on campus.

"I'm expecting my second child, so that's a way to work in a little fitness," she said.

The baby is due May 1. Robertson has been connected with Missouri Southern for several years, as a student and as an employee.

Before graduating in 1987, she performed student help work in the library and the computer center. □

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Cameo Harrington, a 1996 Missouri Southern graduate, enjoys working with a variety of people.



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ANDERSON CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

Classroom a completely new setting for Rouse

By JUSTIN SIFFORD
CHART REPORTER

Talking to students is probably not a new experience for most of the new faculty and staff at Missouri Southern.

But for Norman Rouse, it's almost a completely new setting.

"I had never taught at a school of any kind until now," said Rouse, who is teaching a Criminal Evidence class at Southern on Thursday nights.

Rouse graduated from Southern in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in history and political science.

He went on to receive his juris doctorate from the University of

Missouri-Kansas City in 1978.

He immediately went to work for the Legal Aid of Western Missouri as an indigent attorney.

In 1980 he became the assistant prosecuting attorney for Jasper County. Later, he formed the law firm of Collins, Webster and Rouse, where he specializes in bankruptcy cases.

Rouse resides in Carthage with his wife and two children.

His wife works for an insurance company in Carthage, his son is a graduate of Southern, and his daughter is a junior at Carthage High School.

Rouse, a real outdoorsman, has a vacation home on Table Rock Lake.

There he and his family enjoy fishing, skiing, and hunting.

"I enjoy quail hunting most of all," he said with a grin.

Rouse is also an active member of the community. He attends the First United Methodist Church of Carthage. He is also an active member of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce and the Joplin Rotary Club.

While teaching the Criminal Evidence class, Rouse plans to hold a mock trial for his students.

There will be lawyers, jurors, and students portraying criminals at this simulated trial.

"We are even going to have it at the Joplin courthouse," he said.

Although he is a newcomer to teaching, Rouse has an insightful mind for educating criminal justice students.

"Teaching gives me the opportunity to show students the big picture," he said.

Rouse says he enjoys his new teaching position at Missouri Southern, but plans to continue practicing law in Joplin.

Rouse offered the following advice for college students while leaning back in his chair:

"It's OK to not know what you want, so explore everything. College is like a buffet; sample everything before you decide what you want to eat." □



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Norman Rouse, a current Joplin lawyer, has never taught until this year.

REGIONAL
NEWS
BRIEFS

Tamko zoning plan
shelved indefinitely

Monday, representatives of Tamko Asphalt Products agreed to shelve a second-round zoning request before the Joplin Zoning and Planning Commission.

The request for zoning of land near its High Street property was also tabled in July at the request of Tamko when over 25 residents showed up in protest of the request.

The proposal would include vacating High Street from North Street to 125 feet south of G Street, and Franklin Boulevard from High Street west approximately 250 feet.

Tamko officials met with concerned residents in late January to explain outlined plans for the plant site that would include removing more than 20 vacant houses on the property and planting trees in the neighborhood.

However, by Friday, at least five petitions of protest had been received by the city.

The chief concern citizens raised at the meeting concerned the closing of High Street which citizens say offers the best access to their homes.

The alternate, G Street, is said by residents to be too steep to use in icy weather and doesn't allow adequate access for emergency vehicles. The commission deliberated for over two hours before, at the request of residents, Tamko representatives agreed to table the request.

The commission also requested that Tamko improve communications between themselves and the public. No date has been set to repropose the request. □

Highway commission
approves repair work

The Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission has approved 62 new road and bridge projects costing \$56 million, setting the stage for one of the busiest construction seasons in the state's history.

The projects were approved during the commission's monthly meeting Feb. 13.

"We're very excited about these projects, and about the progress we're making with our Short-Term Action Plan," said Chief Engineer Joe Mickes.

"We're ahead of schedule on these projects we promised to the public."

The Short-Term Action Plan is a four-year list of transportation improvements to be completed or under way by the end of 1999.

Larger projects awarded include bridge repairs costing \$10 million in St. Louis, and installation of reflective pavement markers on all interstates in Jackson, Clay, Platte, and Lafayette counties in the Kansas City area, at the cost of \$1 million. Projects have also been awarded to Cape Girardeau, Jefferson City, Maryville, Poplar Bluff, and Joplin. □

Bomb threat forces
Wal-Mart evacuation

Early Saturday, local shoppers were forced to evacuate Wal-Mart Supercenter, 1501 Range Line.

When a bomb threat was phoned in to an employee of the Wal-Mart store, Joplin police were notified and employees hurriedly evacuated the facility.

Harold Gideon, assistant manager at the store, could not comment on the details of the incident, but did say the store was evacuated for some time.

The Joplin Police Department indicated that the threat was received at 12:56 a.m., Saturday.

The bomb threat proved to be false and a subsequent search of the store produced no evidence of a bomb, police said.

No suspect has been identified in the investigation. □

MAIN STREET SPOTLIGHT

Local eatery expands

Popular Mexican
restaurant opens
second location

By LINDA WHITED
STAFF WRITER

Mexican flavor has expanded north of Joplin. El Charro, a restaurant specializing in Mexican cuisine, has opened a second location in response to the increasing public interest in the dining hot spot.

The new restaurant is located at North Main Street near Stone's Corner.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Friday. Andreas Brabo and Nicolas Ormate share business and management responsibilities.

"We have been in the restaurant business five years," Brabo said. "We've had El Charro in Joplin one and a half years."

"We make our customers feel welcome by putting coupons in the paper."

"We make our customers feel welcome by putting coupons in the paper. We try to provide the best service to our customers."

Andreas Brabo
Co-owner of El Charro

The restaurant has been a family business for Brabo. His grandparents moved to Harpersville, Ky., from Stockton, Calif.

Brabo's late mother moved to Joplin, bringing the family to the area.

The first El Charro was established at 32nd and Main and has enjoyed instant success.

"We try to provide the best service to our customers," Brabo said.

Besides the two Joplin locations, El Charro has locations in Tulsa,

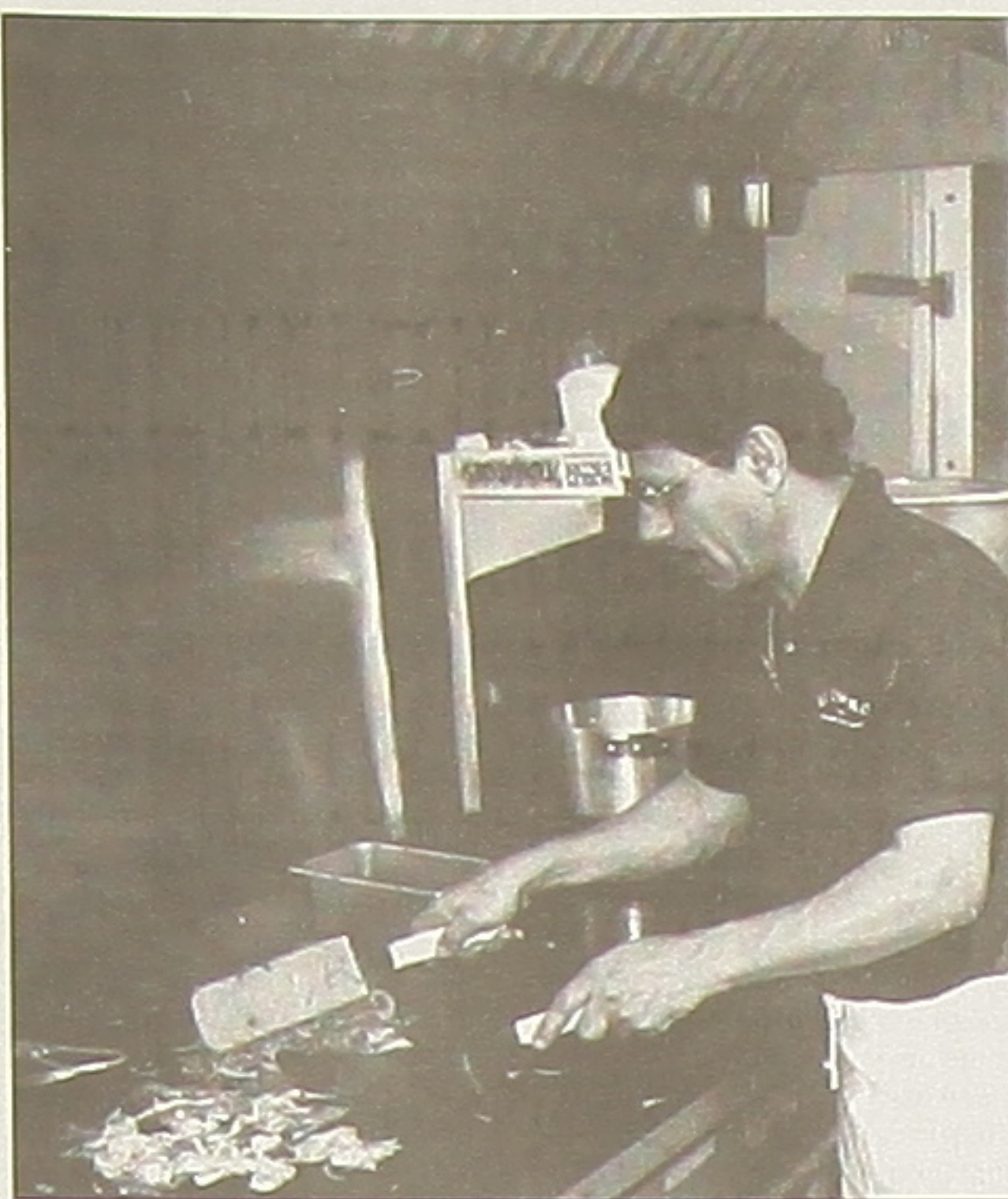
Muskogee, Commerce, and Claremore, Okla.

Orders of Tex-Mex recipes are freshly prepared.

The house specialty, an El Charro burrito, "the cowboy" in English, is accompanied by Mexican rice, refried beans, guacamole, and sour cream.

Lunch and dinner items receive an appetizer of chips and salsa. Contemporary Mexican music entertains diners.

Most lunch items are less than \$6. □



Donaciano Soltero, an employee of El Charro's Mexican restaurant, prepares one of many dishes the eatery has popularized in Joplin.

DOWNTOWN

Caffeine 'quake'

Shockwaves felt around area
due to cafe's imminent eviction

By SCOTT HAAR
STAFF WRITER

Owners of the Java House will no longer conduct business at Fourth Street and Virginia Avenue by April 1. J.T. Witcher, manager of the Java House, said a new location for the popular coffee shop has not been discovered.

"I have been impressed with the responses we have received from some area businesses offering us monetary assistance and offers to help in finding a new location," Witcher said.

Ironically, one of those businesses is Glenn Construction Company. The space currently occupied by The Red Onion Cafe is owned by Glenn Construction. Witcher said the offer is appealing but not feasible because of the April 1 vacancy deadline. He said the current Red Onion Cafe space will not be available until Aug. 2.

"We have asked for an extension on the April 1 deadline so we can find a new place without a prolonged period where there is not a location for business," Witcher said.

David Blum, owner of The Red Onion Cafe, said his preliminary plans for his restaurant's new location are to expand the menu as well as the dining room and kitchen area.

"We are planning some renovations that would triple our kitchen space compared to what we are working with now and a larger dining room," Blum said.

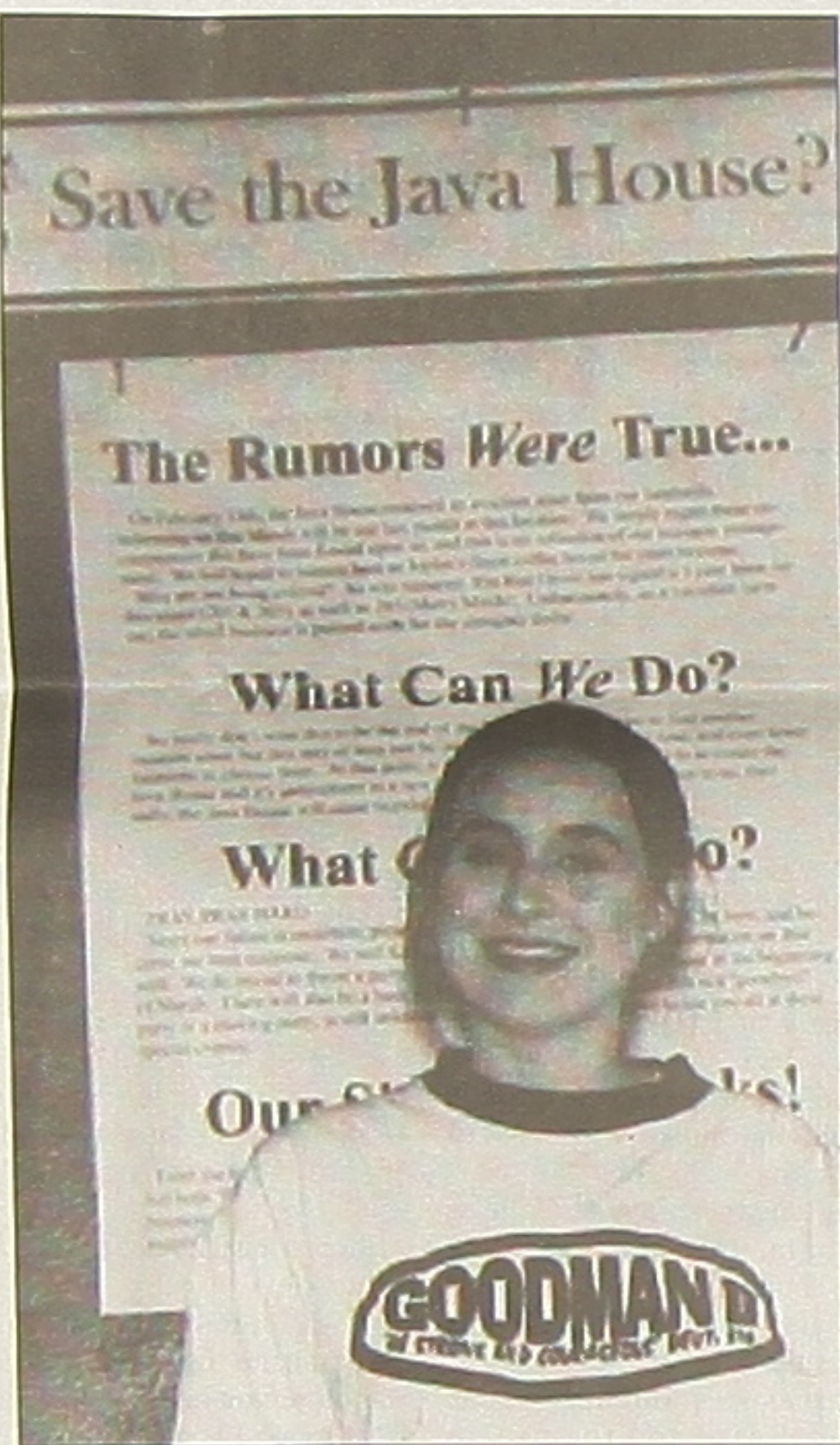
He said obtaining a liquor license was not an option when deciding to move his business.

"Parking and kitchen space were my No. 1 concerns when deciding to move. Alcohol is not relevant at this point," Blum said.

Several customers of the Java House, including some Missouri Southern students, are not happy with the changes that will be taking place.

"I think this is the only place people can go and enjoy a smoke- and alcohol-free environment," said Michele Moss, a senior elementary education major at the College.

"You could go there to meet friends or enjoy a quiet surrounding to do homework," said Jim Furgerson, a junior criminal justice major.



Trista Drumm, an employee at The Java House, has been employed by the business since its inception. She now must face the possibility of her employment ending on April 1 when the coffee house will be forced to relocate.

"The owners of the Java House will have a very difficult time recreating the same atmosphere the current location has," said Kevin Baggerly, a junior theatre major.

Witcher said the atmosphere would be different in a new location, but added that another spot could reproduce a similar effect.

Wherever the Java House moves it will have at least one repeat customer.

"It won't matter where the new Java House will be, because I will be there," Baggerly said. □

INTERNET SERVERS

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Internet Partners of America

By AARON DESLATTÉ
CITY NEWS EDITOR

With an exponential increase in Internet users, Joplin-area service providers are discovering the difficulties associated with providing unlimited access.

Internet Providers of America may have a solution.

The Fort Smith, Ark.-based service has been supplying Joplin Internet users with access for more than a year, and IPA representatives say the company has learned valuable lessons from the failure of national providers to meet advertising claims.

The key to IPA's solution is offering two separate packages for Internet access. The first, called Netscout, is a casual user package. It offers the user 25 hours of access for \$11.95 per month.

"The casual user package probably covers 80 percent of our users," said Scott Winter, IPA vice president. "Most people

don't really use more than that, even though they think they do."

The second package, Net Traveler, offers 360 hours of access for \$21.95 per month, which IPA representatives say is more comparable to an unlimited access package.

To consume all the time provided by the Net Traveler package, a user would have to be online 12 hours a day the entire month, Winter said.

"We figured that 12 hours a day would be enough," he said. "If we did offer an unlimited program, we would probably be experiencing the same difficulties that many of the other companies are."

These difficulties stem from users abusing the unlimited access, Winter said,

Web Crawlers

An in-depth look at who is providing Internet service in the four-state area.

which has resulted in major lawsuits against some national service providers.

"People go out for dinner or away for the weekend and leave the circuit up," he said. "That basically ties up a whole port that no one else can use."

"We decided to offer a 360-hour package, which would be enough time for anybody to ever use, but they could not go away for the month and leave it on. It would eventually hit 361 hours and they would be billed for going over."

Besides the separate billing plan, IPA also offers seven-day technical support and a user-to-modem ratio comparable to other service providers. IPA's current user-to-modem ratio for the Joplin area is between 10-to-1 and 12-to-1.

"We don't experience many problems in the Joplin area," Winter said. "Our access is about as good as it gets up there."

For more information, persons may contact Internet Partners of America at 1-800-785-4091. □



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LIVING HIS DREAM

For Joplin's police chief Dave Niebur, no two days on the job are the same

By AARON DESLATT
CITY NEWS EDITOR

The day begins as countless others have. He is awake before sunrise, thumbing through newspapers. He studies *The Joplin Globe*, *The Kansas City Star*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *The New York Times*, carefully scanning each for law enforcement-related articles. He is a man of authority and realizes the repercussions of distant criminal trends may soon affect himself and the officers who serve under him. He must try to be prepared for every contingency.

He parks his unmarked squad car on the east parking lot and enters the lobby.

The proper combination is entered into the wall-mounted security panel, and the door unlocks. He enters the station.

The hallway is congested with officers hurrying to perform their daily rituals. Like worker ants, they scurry from room to room, engulfed by the various assignments they are to perform. But they are not too occupied to greet him as he passes by.

"Good morning, Chief," one female officer says. He returns the greeting, calling the officer by name. He enters his office.

The walls of Joplin Police Chief David Niebur's office reflect a lifetime of dedication and sacrifice. Goals have been set and achieved. Pictures of Niebur shaking hands with President Bush, graduating from the FBI Academy, and standing in formal dress with his officers are proudly displayed. But today, they go unnoticed.

For Niebur, no two days are the same. Some may be seen as uneventful or monotonous, stifled by ever-replenishing mounds of paperwork. Today is not one of those days.

Last night, two mentally-challenged women were raped in their home. A suspect has been apprehended. He is their brother-in-law.

Due to the brutal nature of the crime, Niebur meets with the investigative commander to receive an update. Once informed of the status of the victims, Niebur returns to his office without speaking. Charges will be filed after statements have been taken from the suspect and victims.

At 8:30 a.m., Niebur meets with the city manager concerning an annexation bid the city is making. If the bid is successful, the Joplin Police Department must be ready to provide service for the annexed area. Niebur returns to his office with the statistics he is to look over regarding the police expansion that will be required if the annexation is successful.

For Niebur, the dream of becoming a police officer began as a child. While living in Minneapolis, Minn., a woman was struck by a hit-and-run driver in front of his house. He watched as law enforcement officers immediately responded. To Niebur, this real-life drama was an epiphany. The compassion shown by officers assisting the victim was contagious, and from that moment on, he knew what he wanted to do with his life.

"I have dreamed of being a police officer from the age of 12," says Niebur from behind his massive oak desk. "You never know when you come to work what's going to take place. It has its bad days like every other job does, but I really love being a police officer."

Niebur's dream becomes reality

His love for the job carried him through 25 years of service in Minnesota, 20 of which came in Minneapolis. His love for the job brought him out of retirement in 1989, when he became the police chief of Collinsville, Ill.

Then in 1992, with the dream still alive, Niebur accepted the Joplin police chief position. Since his arrival, major changes have been made in the department.

"When I arrived here in 1992, Missouri was dead last in the minimum training standards for a police officer," he states emphatically. "I lobbied for Senate Bill 268 to be passed, which would increase the number of [training] hours. Our ultimate goal for 1998 is to be fifth in the nation."

Niebur is also a co-founder of the Tri-State Major Case Squad, a unit comprised of police investigators from 12 regional departments. The squad is activated when a major investigation is under way, as was the case two weeks ago when a Joplin man, James Mayo, was found murdered in his home. The squad identified a suspect and apprehended him after rescuing an infant from his residence. Although Niebur participated in the rescue, he gives all the credit to his officers.

"What I've learned is that police officers will react to how they've been trained," he said. "Things happen so quickly that you really don't have time to think; you react to your training."

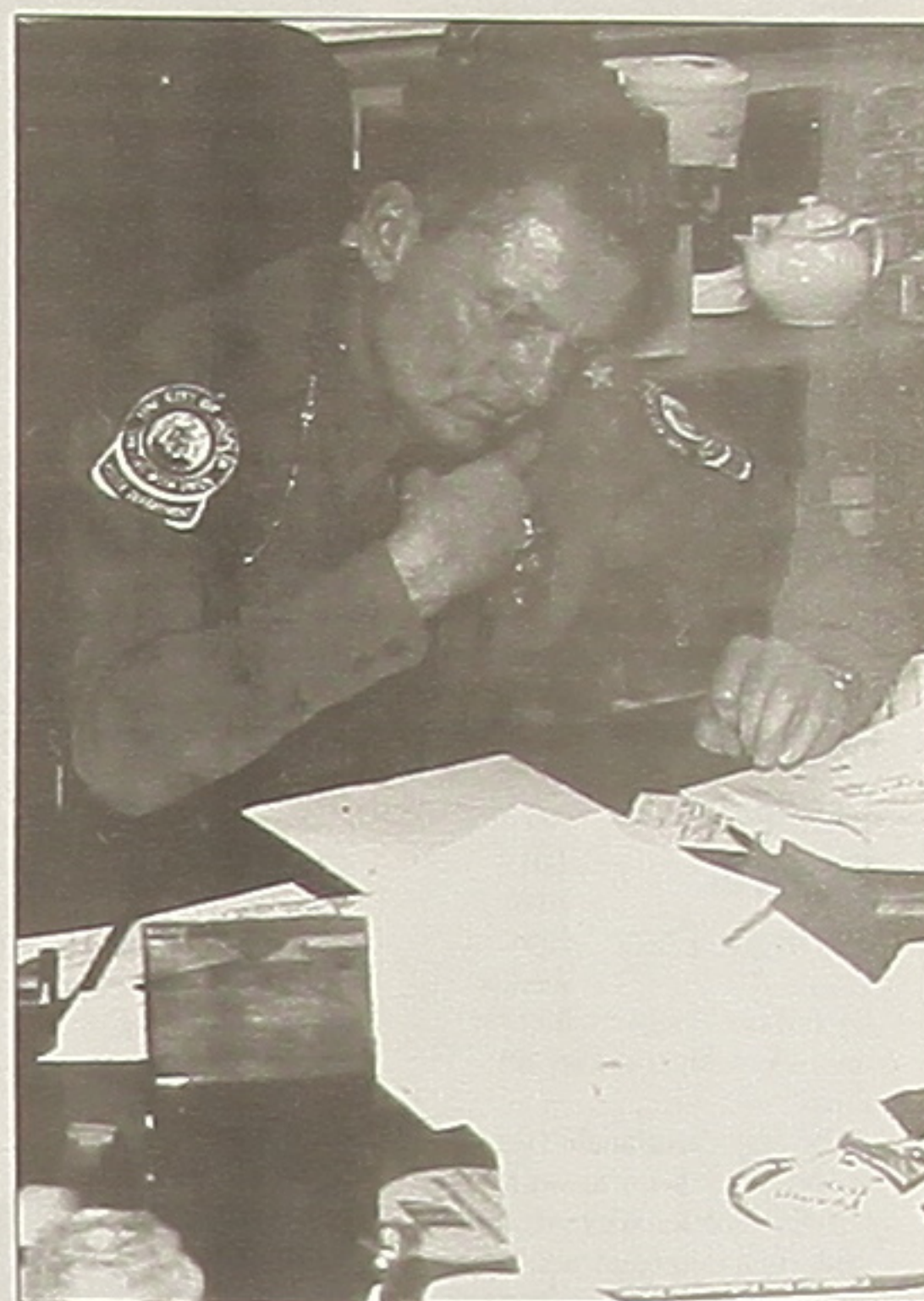
"In that situation, we needed to get that child out of [the house] because there was a dangerous individual in there. I attribute [the success] to the men and women of this police force."

Not all of the cases Niebur has worked on have had such a happy ending. Occasionally, the job he has always dreamed about becomes a nightmare.

"I've been through some traumatic times," Niebur says. His eyes dart from the paperwork before him to the doorway. After clearing his throat, he continues.

"I've been involved in three fatal shootings over my career, but none where I've regretted my actions."

One of those shootings took place during Niebur's third year as a member of the Minneapolis Police Force. An individual on a second-floor balcony had taken an infant hostage. He was pointing a gun to the child's head. Niebur, the first officer on the scene, shouted for the individual to drop the infant. He complied, but then pointed the weapon at Niebur. Both men squeezed the triggers. The suspect's gun misfired. Niebur's did not.



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Niebur looks over paperwork for a proposed city annexation bid while listening to a citizen's complaints over the phone.

"I don't regret shooting him, because it was either him or me," Niebur says. His voice quivers slightly.

"What I live with every day is that he had five children." The discipline of a 30-year veteran suppresses the emotion this subject has tapped into. "I left five children fatherless. I think about that almost every day."

Chief finishes daily routine

At 11:26 a.m., Niebur leaves the office to meet with an undercover agent concerning a recent drug seizure. He then prepares to attend the Kiwanis Club of Joplin meeting. Before leaving, he reflects on the emotions experienced when an officer is forced to use violence.

"You learn in those situations that it's OK to be afraid," he says. His stoic speaking fashion has returned. "A lot of police officers think that they can't show any kind of fear."

"I always tell police officers in the classes I teach that it's OK to be afraid and it's OK to cry," he says, then pauses, as if debating how to proceed. "I've cried a lot in my career. I think cops should cry."

Niebur arrives at the Holiday Inn where the Kiwanis meeting is being held. He helps himself to the lunch buffet. Missouri Southern President Julio Leon is the featured speaker and discusses the College's international mission. Niebur leaves immediately after the speech, foregoing the post-speech raffle. He is late for a staff meeting.

On the way back to the station, Niebur makes a traffic stop. A Chevrolet truck with a trailer in tow has a broken tail light. Niebur issues a warning to the motorist.

He gets back in the squad car and smiles. "I don't want to forget what it's like being a street cop," he says, then returns to the station.

Once per month, representatives from all divisions of the Joplin Police Department meet with Chief Niebur to discuss problems and suggest strategies for solving them. A meeting is scheduled for today.

At 1:34 p.m., Niebur enters the conference room where these meetings are held. The representatives are assembled. Topics of discussion range from new hats for traffic cops to improving interrogation methods. A formal atmosphere is present at the start of the meeting but soon breaks down after Niebur makes several jokes. He then makes the final decisions on which suggestions to implement.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Niebur leaves to meet with the city prosecutor regarding the charges filed against a security guard for carrying a handgun.

He returns to his desk to review the annexation proposal. A tiny bead of sweat forms on his brow. His years of dedicated service have determined the path this bead will follow. The bead runs its course, crashing into an eyebrow. Niebur pays no attention to it. Sitting behind the mammoth desk, David Niebur seems more at home than he has appeared all day.

The city prosecutor returns to inform Niebur of the charges filed against the suspected rapist. He then instructs an officer to prepare a press release.

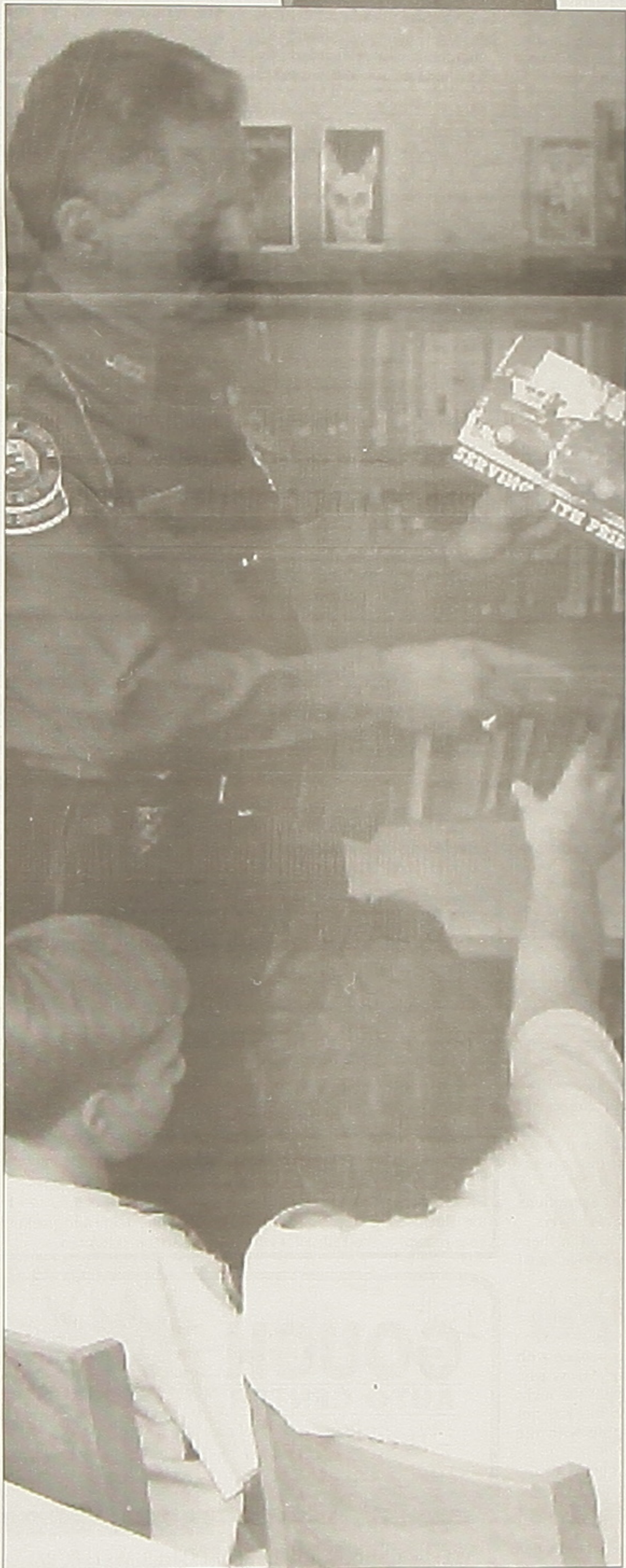
"Historically, police departments have been clandestine operations," he says. "They didn't let the public know what was going on."

"We believe the citizenry should know if there's a burglary ring operating in their neighborhood. They should know that if we receive a tip about a drug house, there will be a raid."

He smiles, then adds: "It builds support for the police department when the public knows that we are out there working."

At 3:42 p.m., he leaves the office for the day. He is attending a meeting of the Jasper-Newton County Children's Center. The group helps to counsel victims of child abuse. Niebur is a co-founder of the organization. He says good-bye to his secretary and walks out the door.

For Niebur, the day is over. □



AARON DESLATT/The Chart

Joplin police chief Dave Niebur informs students at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School on what it takes to be a Joplin police officer during Career Day Feb. 18.

Nuts & Bolts

Car gods will get you

Fellow *Chart* staffer Nick Parker says that I should write a column about how the car gods are just out to get some people, no matter how hard they try or how many different cars they buy.

This comes after an amazing browbeating about my town



Leslie Roberts
Automotive Editor

from that same Nick Parker, after his 1991 Mitsubishi Galant threw craps (as we say in Nevada, meaning that it broke down in a spectacular and not-easily-fixable way) on the outskirts of that fine town.

The only car available for rent in Nevada, it seems, was a Nissan Sentra. "Why is it," he said, "in a town that won't work on foreign cars, does the only place that rents cars rent foreign cars?"

I, on the other hand, was surprised to learn that Nevada has a rental car place at all. As it turns out, that same store rents backhoes, cement mixers, and all manner of other stuff. Nick might have even been able to rent a tow truck to haul the Mitsu back to Joplin. In addition, I know that at least one place in town works on foreign cars. The mechanics swear about "them dum little furrin' cars," but they work on them. Perhaps his trouble stemmed from the fact that he had the misfortune to upset the car gods on a weekend.

In five days, the Galant had burned through three quarts of oil and as a result had a massive engine failure.

Even the most conscientious among us don't check our oil that often.

This engine failure comes after last year's totaling wreck of Parker's beloved 1984 Nissan Maxima wagon. "Every option available in 1984, it had," Parker says. "Except for the digital dash."

The ex-girlfriend wrecked the Maxima (to preserve the innocence of the innocent, I will not refer to the car by its given name here).

But still, it was Parker's car, and he believes the car gods have it in for him. With the complete failure of the Galant, he talks fondly of the Maxima.

"Take the [Maxima]. No matter what happened, the [Maxima] could be driven home. When something went wrong, just when I'd steel myself to sell the twelve-year-old car, it would start working again."

So now Nick is carless, dependent on the Mr. Goodcents delivery guy to bring him a sandwich, instead of having the wonderful freedom to go get it himself.

I didn't know what to tell him. "Have you sacrificed a heater core?" I asked.

I did not know if that would work, but I thought I could ask. My two years of automotive technology training at Nevada Regional Technical Center did not mention the car gods, or how to deal with someone traumatized by them.

I can only suggest that he buy the Project Miata, but my wise counsel may be just a bit biased! □

NEW CARS

Tiburon reveals exciting body curves

By **LESLIE ROBERTS**
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

The Hyundai Tiburon takes styling risks that at one time were a thing of the past — after the fin fad of the Fifties, I thought perhaps designers weren't going to stick their necks out.

After the econoboxy Eighties, though, Hyundai is starting to do just that. The company that started with the less-than-excellent Excel is now producing the grin-faced Elantra and they even put some curves on the entry-level Accent.

But the Tiburon is the wild one of the bunch, with styling in abundance.

Adjust the mirrors like your driver's ed teacher taught you and curves greet your field of vision to the rear as well as out front.

The Tiburon, although a fresh design, borrows cues from the Toyota Celica in the rear quarter-window area, and is aimed squarely at the sporty-coupe market.

The Tiburon's front-wheel drive transaxle is powered by either of two four-cylinder engine choices: a double overhead cam (DOHC) 16-valve 1.8 liter putting out 130 bhp at 6,000 rpm and a DOHC 16-valve 2.0 liter commanding 140 bhp at 6,000 rpm.

The car I drove was equipped

with the base engine and a manual transmission, but even though the engine was base, the car still responded with pep, and a gratifying growl from the exhaust.

Shift-lever action was somewhat vague, though, with first gear being the most difficult to locate.

The handling of the fully-independent suspension inspired confidence, not losing its grip over undulating road surfaces, but the car still managed to keep levels of noise, vibration and harshness low, even over rough roads. Only one small rattle from the dash and a minimal amount of road noise disturbed the quiet.

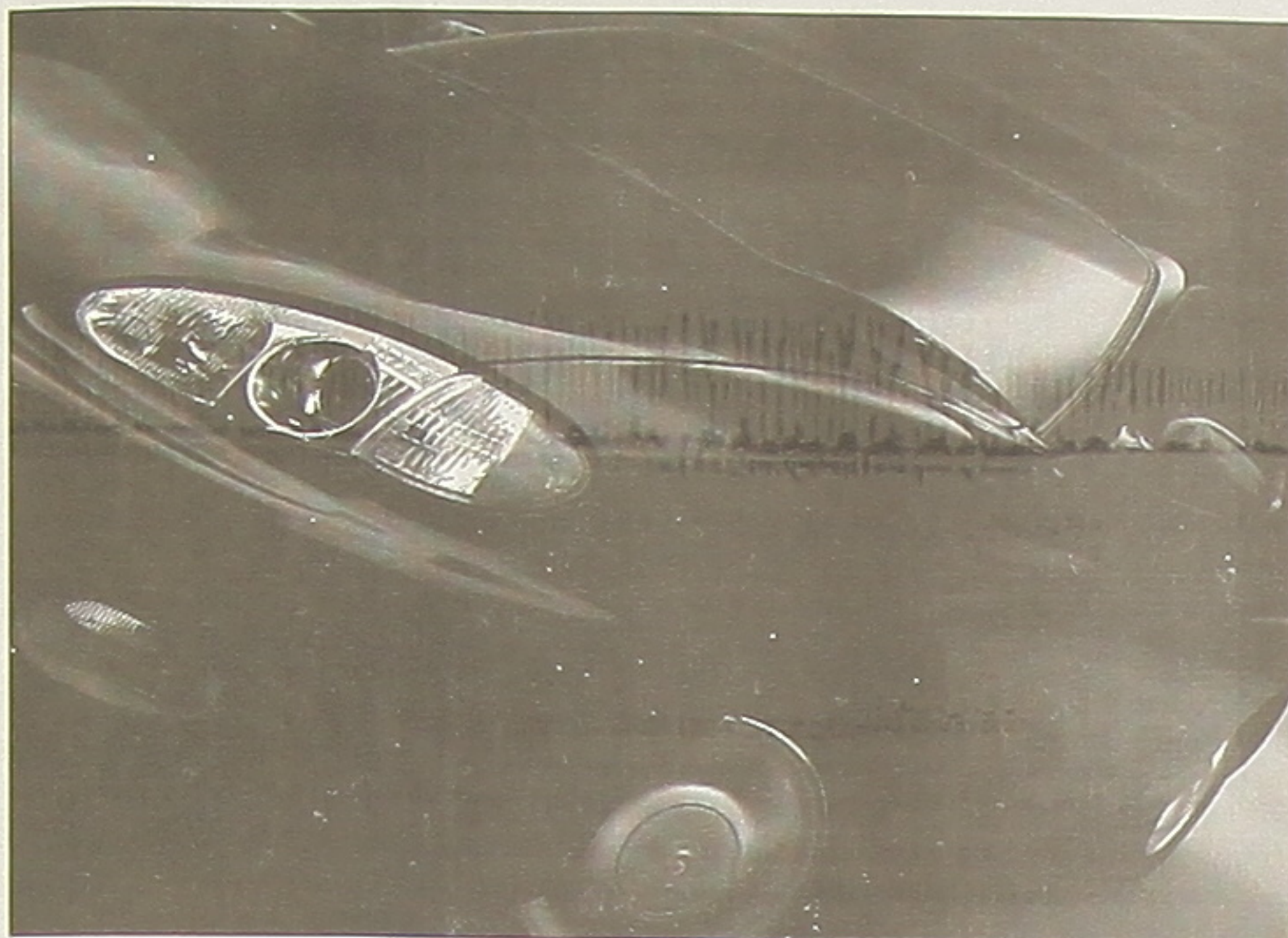
The handling combined with the low cabin noise to surprise me when I glanced at the speedometer, which showed I was going much in excess of the speed limit.

Fortunately, no officers were around, and I was able to safely get the Tiburon back down to legal speed.

The brakes, front discs and rear drums on the base model I drove, hauled the car down quickly without fuss.

Standard on the Tiburon FX are four-wheel disc brakes with an optional four-channel anti-lock system.

With the car stopped, I tried a quick subjective acceleration run. The car moved out adequately, albeit displaying some sharp,



HYUNDAI MOTOR AMERICA/Special to The Chart

Hyundai's new sport coupe, the Tiburon, is now available at Continental Hyundai. A long list of standard features may be complemented by options such as air conditioning, a larger engine, a sunroof, and an 100-watt stereo.

torque-steer tugs on the steering wheel under hard acceleration.

The Tiburon has a long list of standard features, including power windows and a 40-watt AM/FM stereo cassette.

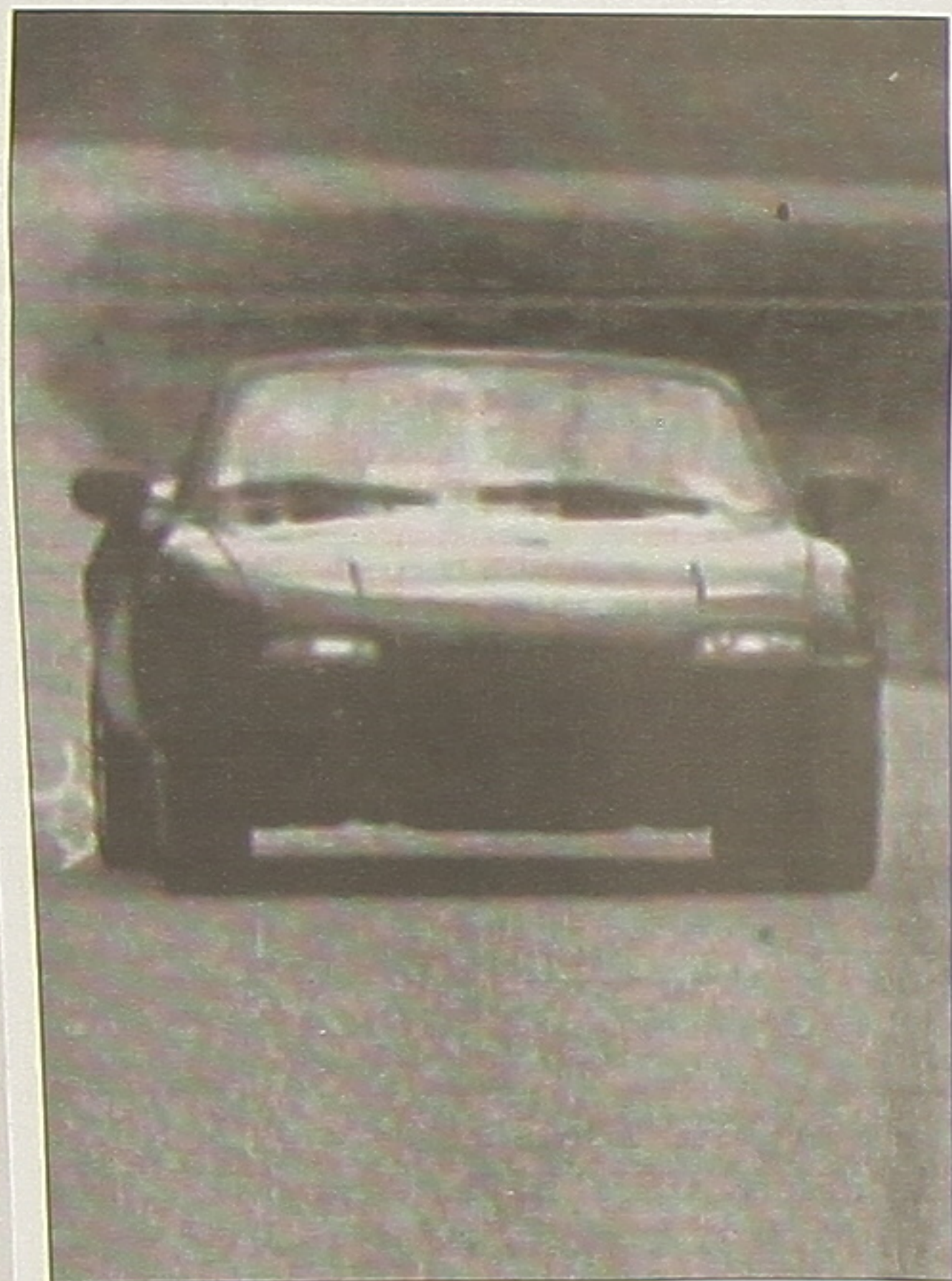
The interior is user-friendly, with large round HVAC controls and an attractive steering wheel that houses one of the dual airbags.

Optional radio systems on the FX include an 100-watt 6-speaker

stereo cassette and a CD player.

Other options include an automatic transmission, a sunroof, leather seating and steering wheel trim, air conditioning, cruise control and 15-inch alloy wheels. □

PROJECT CAR



MIKE GULLETT/Special to The Chart

The 1992 Miata's salability will be the final test of the project's worth.

Miata finishes recovery with new title

By **LESLIE ROBERTS**
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

The last stage of repairing the project Miata was painting it.

Two kinds of primer, necessary for the differing demands of aluminum and steel, were applied. Following the primer coat, the entire car was wet-sanded with 400 grit sandpaper and again with 600, resulting in an almost glass-like shine.

After a quick wash job outside in zero-degree weather to remove any sanding residue, Mark drove the car back into the shop.

Despite having taken almost all the trim items off the car, it seemed we still had to mask off much of the it. The interior had to be covered carefully, and we papered under the hood as well to protect the engine from paint overspray.



Project Car:

The final saga: With all body work finished, the Miata needs only a new title to be complete.

With the car prepared for paint and masked off, I held my breath as Mark applied rock-guard to the lower areas and then four layers of Brilliant Black to the whole car. Would all our hard work preparing the car for paint be worthwhile, or would something terrible happen and the paint job be ruined?

My fears were unfounded. The paint sprayed on smoothly and gleamed under the fluorescent lights. After allowing it to cure, we then buffed and hand-polished it, making the shine even deeper.

The most enjoyable part of fixing a wrecked car, I think, is putting it all back together. With two evenings of work, Mark and I had all the lights installed; the top replaced; the interior items replaced; and all of the rubber trim items cleaned and replaced.

When we were finished, we both sat in the garage and stared at the glossy, suddenly-whole Miata in front of us. After a long period of contemplation, I turned to Mark and said, "You know, I think that's the prettiest Miata I've ever rebuilt."

After the metal work is finished, the more trying part of the job comes along: Title paperwork. One can work at one's own speed in the

body shop, but bureaucrats cannot be bribed, coerced or threatened into working any faster.

The process to obtain a "good" title begins with an inspection at the Carthage Missouri State Highway Patrol sub-station.

The inspectors there check the car not for safety problems, but for stolen parts. The numbers on engine, frame and dash must correlate, or you must be able to prove that the parts were bought and tax was paid.

While I anxiously paced in the waiting room, my Miata was placed on a lift and gone over in detail. I wasn't allowed to watch, presumably because I could then fake all the numbers on a subsequent car.

After a seemingly-long wait, the inspector returned and said I could have my car back.

Upon returning home, I gathered the requisite materials, which included receipts for major parts and a hefty sales-tax check, and express-mailed them to the Department of Revenue.

Two weeks later, I received my pink slip in the mail, indicating that the title is at my bank and I am free to sell the Miata.

1992 Special Edition Miata, anyone? □

EXPULSION: Lantz releases Gullett from football team

From page 1A

He said Gullett then struck a man outside the apartment before forcing his way inside.

"He entered with a few other unidentified individuals, but it is not known if they were involved directly with the assault, and witnesses were not very helpful," Hounschell said.

Hounschell said Bryan Douglas, 20, Sedalia, Mo., a member of the Southern soccer team, sustained a broken jaw as well as major bruises and scrapes during the altercation. Gullett then left the premises.

"Gullett was called in [to the police department] for an interview, and he agreed to come down," Hounschell said.

"We spoke with him, and he was arrested after the interview and charged with burglary and assault."

At this time, no arraignment date has been scheduled, according to the Jasper County prosecutor's office.

The College, however, has already taken action against Gullett.

"He has been suspended from the football program," said Jon

Lantz, Southern's head football coach.

Jim Cook, Southern's head soccer coach, said Douglas' injuries were rather extensive.

"I spoke with Bryan's dad," he said.

"Bryan's jaw was broken in two places, and he had to have surgery. They had to put a plate in to reinforce the jaw."

Neither Gullett nor Douglas could be reached for comment.

Both coaches say they are continuing to deal with any repercussions the occurrence may have caused.

According to Lantz, a team meeting was held Feb. 19 to address the situation.

"Approximately five kids were aware of what happened, but most of the team didn't even know," he said.

Lantz said an incident such as this one affects the whole team.

"When one kid does this, it becomes representative of the entire body of people," he said.

"And sometimes they don't want to claim that action, I think, because we have those incidences which end up in some type of violence very often, it continues to perpetuate the

stereotype of the 'angry jock.'"

Such episodes, Lantz said, can also affect the collective morale of the team.

"It's always embarrassing," he said.

"It drives a wedge between the offending party and the rest of the team. There are going to be generalizations made, and somebody will resent it; they always do."

Lantz said he has few options when reprimanding his players.

"I put the fear of God in them every time, but what else can I do?" he asked.

"The worst thing I can do to them is throw them off the team."

Cook said he has spoken with three of the soccer players who were at the apartment the night of the disturbance but has not conducted a meeting with the team as of yet.

"It is a situation that, until the school completes the investigation, will be hindered," Cook said.

Carnahan said the investigation is ongoing.

"We will look into it, and if it turns out to be a racial problem, we'll deal with it," he said. □

MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TEST

For students who need to take the test on the Missouri Constitution, please observe the following schedule.

Lecture

Tuesday, April 22, 1997 - 12:20 p.m. - WH 210

Test

Tuesday, April 29, 1997 - 12:20 p.m. - WH 210

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in May, 1997, July, 1997 or December 1997 who have not taken U.S. Gov't. or State and Local Gov't. in a Missouri College should see Pat Martin, Room H-318 on or before April 17 to sign up to take the test.

Please note: Students taking this test must pay a \$ 5.00 fee to the Business Office H-210 prior to taking the test; and present your receipt to the instructor when you go to the test room.

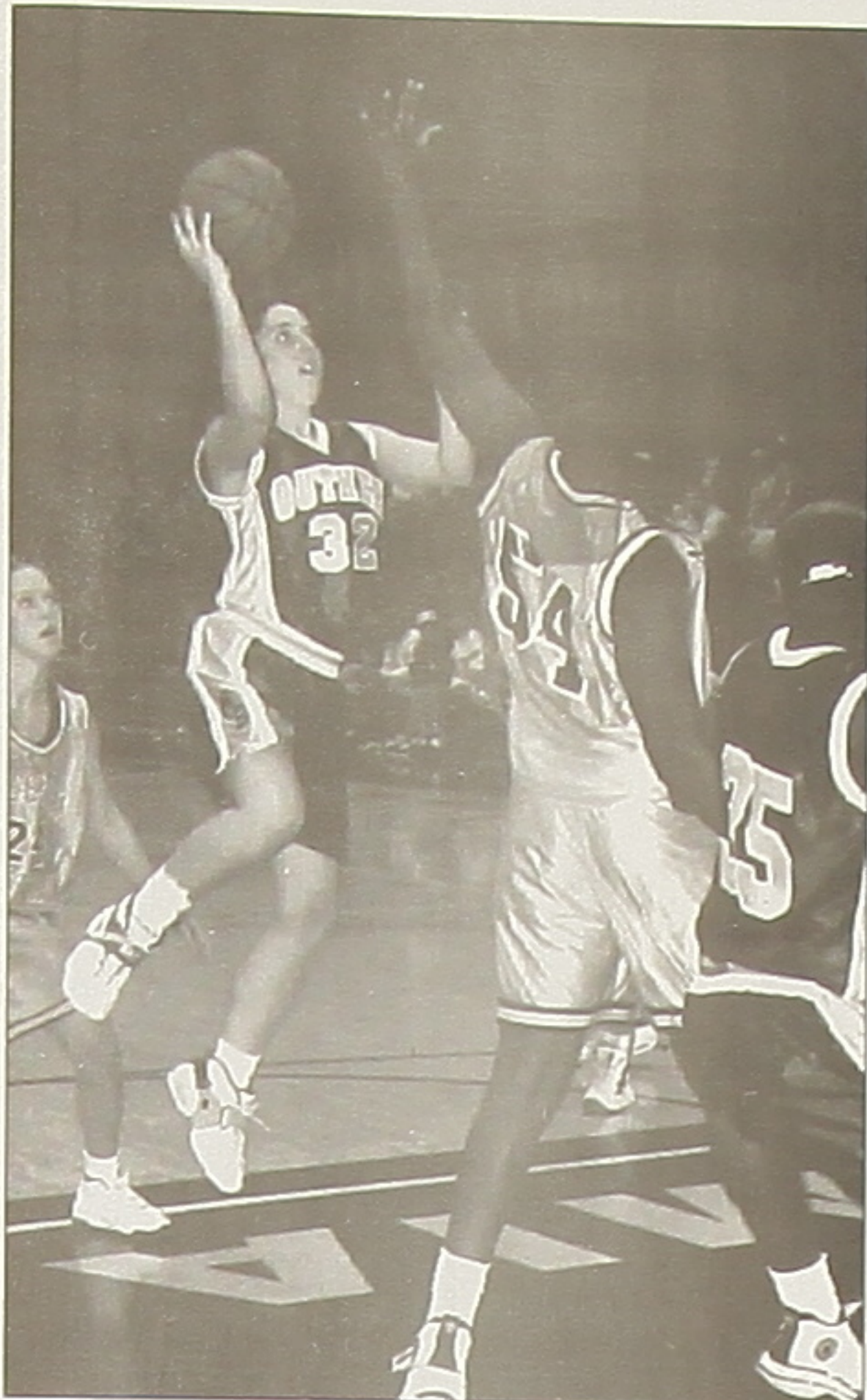
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Going up over a defender, senior guard Nicole Hienz drives the lane in Tuesday's action against Western. Southern lost the contest 59-51.

Post-season cut short

Top-ranked Western ends Lady Lions' bid to defend crown

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

ST. JOESPH, Mo. —

Riding the momentum of two straight wins, Missouri Southern opened the first round of the MIAA tournament at Missouri Western Tuesday night.

The Lady Lions were quickly knocked from the MIAA post-season tourney, however, falling to Western 59-51.

Southern, who finished the regular season 8-10 in the MIAA and 13-13 overall, knocked off Missouri-Rolla 62-52 Feb. 19 to clinch the eighth and final spot in the tourney. Southern topped Pittsburg State 69-65 Saturday afternoon to close the regular season.

Tuesday's game remained close through the first half, ending with the Lady Lions down 26-23.

Western opened the second half strong behind the inside play of senior forward Jenny Marr.

Marr finished the game with 18 points, including 11 in the second half.

Head Lady Lion coach Carrie Kaifes said Marr's play in the second half was due to adjustments made by the Southern defense.

Kaifes said Marr was able to open up her play when the Lady Lions began keying on Western's outside shooters.

With just over six minutes left, the Griffons led Southern by 11 points.

The Lady Lions came back to tie the game at 51-51 on two free throws from junior guard KaTonya Samuels with three minutes remaining. Nine of the eleven points came from senior guard Nicole Heinz.

Heinz said noticing the deficit served as a wake-up call for her during the closing half.

"It was just a realization of being 11 points down," she said. "Throughout the whole game we were not playing an 11-point game. I just tried to bring us back."

Heinz closed her personal 9-0 run with a shot while falling out of bounds and drawing the foul. She had previously netted two 3-pointers.

"I just took the contact and threw the ball up there," Heinz said.

"It just bounced around. I guess it bounced in my favor."

After deadlocking the game, Southern was unable to convert on key opportunities and didn't score again.

"Nothing fell for us," Heinz said. "We got a foul with a minute and a half left when we didn't need one."



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Mandy Olson takes it to the hole in playoff action Tuesday. Olson finished the game with five points.

The range just got wider and wider after that, and we just couldn't answer back."

Kaifes said she was disappointed in her team's inability to make key plays.

"We just didn't hit the key shots when we needed to," she said. "It was like that all season; when we shot well, we won. When we didn't, we lost." □

Sports SCOPE

Rumor mill spills truth about Kaifes

If you listen closely, you can hear the wheels turning. The Lady Lions' season came to a close Tuesday night with a loss at Missouri Western.

Now, one day later, the powers that be in Missouri Southern athletics have decided they want the program to go in another direction.

On Wednesday morning, Sallie Beard,

women's athletic director, gave head coach Carrie Kaifes until noon today to turn in her resignation.

Kaifes obliged, giving her resignation at 7 p.m. Wednesday. It has been my observation that coaches are usually asked to leave when their teams consistently fail to reach the playoffs.

Rumors have been flying all season long, but until today I was quick to deny them as absurd.

Midway through the season I heard talk about this being Kaifes' last season at the helm. My response was immediately "No way, not a chance."

At the time my reasoning was this: Kaifes was the reigning MIAA women's basketball coach of the year, given at the conclusion of the 1995-96 season. This year, she had a good chance of leading the Lady Lions back.

Kaifes and her team did just that.

With a 62-52 victory over Missouri-Rolla Feb. 19, Southern clinched the eighth and final spot in the MIAA post-season tournament. A sixth consecutive trip for Southern, and two straight for Kaifes.

The Lady Lions entered the tournament as defending conference champions against top-ranked Missouri Western. Southern played the Griffons close, but could not capitalize on key opportunities and thus its season came to an early end with the 59-51 loss. The Lady Lions finished 13-14 overall.

Wednesday morning, I again heard rumors questioning whether Kaifes still had a job at Southern. This time, something in my gut told me these rumors could quite possibly be based on some truth.

What I did not understand was why. Kaifes was told she was not leading the program in the right direction.

At the beginning of the season, most people expected much more than a first-round playoff loss. But the Lady Lions did make the playoffs, and according to some coaches, this makes for a successful season.

This may not be the definition of a successful season, but it doesn't mean it's time for the coach of the year plaque to come off the wall.

Kaifes received prime tutelage as assistant coach under former head Lady Lion coach Scott Ballard. Ballard, now head women's basketball coach at Central Missouri, took Southern to the MIAA tournament in four of his five seasons as the Lady Lion skipper.

Let's see if we can make this easy. I'll start from the beginning: two years under one of the top coaches in the MIAA, two years as head coach of the Lady Lions compiling a 36-20 record, and two consecutive trips to the conference tournament.

Finally, Sallie, I just do not understand the logic behind your decision — and I probably never will. □

P. Nicholas Parker



Nick Parker
Associate Editor

INDOOR SEASON

Track teams set records, crown conference champions

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

Four Missouri Southern women's track records fell last weekend as the Lady Lions turned in a fifth-place performance at the conference meet at Central Missouri State.

The Lady Lions had been picked seventh in a pre-meet poll.

Records were set by Amanda Harrison in the mile, DaLana

Lofland in the 600-meter run, Sonia Blacketer in the 5,000-meter, and by the mile relay team of Heather Hoyle, Tina Keller, Angela Shea, and Lofland.

"It gives you a little bit more of something to prove," said coach Patty Vavra.

"We went out, competed, and challenged ourselves."

"We had a productive weekend."

The Lions, also predicted to finish seventh, surprised pollsters with a

fifth-place showing. The pot was sweetened as Ben Brainard, competing in the pole vault, and James Thrash, running in the 200-meter, were crowned conference champions in their events.

Middle distance runner Dusty Franks suffered an injury and was unable to compete, leaving coach Tom Rutledge wondering if the Lions could have done even better.

"I have no doubt that if Dusty wouldn't have twisted his ankle, we

would have finished fourth, and possibly third," he said.

Rutledge said he thought this was his team's best effort of the season as many of the athletes turned in strong performances.

"We kept up our intensity for two days and showed great desire," he said.

"We didn't make any mistakes and scored in every event we should have."

"All of our guys fought until the

end and gave it everything they had."

Three Lion track athletes, Brainard, Thrash, and hurdler Darren Simmons, currently have provisional marks.

"I asked my athletes to improve their provisional times and better their overall times," Rutledge said. "I'm proud of them."

Both teams will compete at the "last chance" track meet this weekend at the University of Arkansas. □

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lions fall in tourney's first round

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Never really having control of any aspect of the game, the Missouri Southern Lions lost their playoff match-up against the Washburn Ichabods Monday night.

Southern, finishing off a 6-12 (MIAA), 9-18 (overall) season, dropped the game in Topeka, Kan., 83-64.

The Lions began the game in the hole, allowing Washburn to go up 10-4.

Southern battled back, though, and pulled to within 16-15 on a 3-pointer by Allan Brown. It was all Washburn from there, though, as the Ichabods were up 40-30 at halftime.

One of the high points for Southern in the first half was the play of sophomore center Matt Olson, who finished the first half with 12 of his team-high 20 points.

He said that while it was a

"We started out the first half playing well. We really ended up where we wanted to be, only down by 10."

Matt Olson
Lion Center

tough loss, he was happy with his team's effort.

"We started out the first half playing well," he said. "We really ended up where we wanted to be, only down by 10."

While the Lions were able to make it a game in the first half, they would have no such luck after intermission. Southern

would not get any closer than eight points, and trailed 77-57 at the 1:43 mark.

"We started off the second half doing well," Olson said.

"But then they started hitting some outside shots on us. After that, their transition game really picked up, and it all kind of snowballed on us."

Olson also said that while some might criticize this year's team, he was proud to have played with them.

"We never lost a game because of lack of heart or desire," he said.

"We are a young team, and any mistakes we made were mistakes in judgment, never lack of effort. This was a pretty disappointing season, but we made a lot of steps in the right direction."

"I think if we can get some good recruits in here, we could really make a run at it next year. We have a lot of experience coming back, and I am really looking forward to it." □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Sophomore forward Allan Brown powers past a defender in MIAA play-off action Monday night. Brown finished the night with 10 points.

Southern Scoreboard

The numbers and facts every Lion fan should know.

Men's Basketball

MIAA	Final MIAA Standings	MIAA	MIAA Stats
	Final Standings (Conf, Overall)		Scoring (per game)
1.	Washburn 15-3, 22-8	1.	Buie, Dan, Jr., WU - 24.2
2.	Pittsburg State 14-4, 21-6	2.	Turner, Orville, Sr., CMSU - 21.9
3.	Missouri Western 13-5, 20-7	3.	Keeler, Eric, Sr., MWSC - 19.1
4.	Central Missouri 12-6, 21-6	4.	Rivers, Antonio, Jr., CMSU - 18.0
5.	Emporia State 10-8, 15-12		Rebounds (per game)
6.	Northwest Missouri 8-10, 11-16	1.	Buie, Dan, Jr., WU - 9.2
7.	Truman State 7-11, 11-16	2.	Pinder, Ian, Jr., SBU - 8.58
8.	Missouri Southern 6-12, 9-18	3.	Harkess, Scott, So., ESU - 8.57
9.	Missouri-Rolla 6-12, 14-12		3-pointers made (percentage)
10.	Southwest Baptist 5-13, 11-14	1.	Massey, Michael, Sr., ESU - 44.0
11.	Lincoln University 3-15, 5-21	2.	Lee, Doug, So., MWSC - 43.1
		3.	Ray, Greg, Sr., MSSC - 41.4

Women's Basketball

MIAA	Final Standings	MIAA	MIAA Stats
	Final Standings (Conf, Overall)		Scoring (per game)
1.	Missouri Western 15-3, 22-5	1.	Kausaitis, Aneta, Jr., ESU, 21.5
2.	Central Missouri 13-5, 20-7	2.	Oberding, Nikki, Jr., WU, 18.3
3.	Washburn 12-6, 19-8	3.	Marr, Jenny, Sr., MWSC, 17.2
4.	Emporia State 11-7, 19-8	4.	Miller, Jenni, Sr., PSU, 16.7
5.	Southwest Baptist 11-7, 17-10		Rebounds (per game)
6.	Pittsburg State 11-7, 17-10	1.	Scott, Marie, Sr., MSSC, 9.6
7.	Northwest Missouri 9-9, 13-11	2.	Marr, Jenny, Sr., MWSC, 9.0
8.	Missouri Southern 8-10, 13-14	3.	Kausaitis, Aneta, Jr., ESU, 8.7
9.	Truman State 6-12, 10-16		3-point Percentage
10.	Missouri-Rolla 4-14, 8-18	1.	Burkholder, Jessica, Jr., CMSU, 38.5
11.	Lincoln University 0-18, 4-21	2.	Kausaitis, Aneta, Jr., ESU, 37.7
		3.	Wood, Toni, Sr., MWSC, 37.3

This Week

Saturday —
■ Tennis vs. John Brown University, MSSC courts, noon
Sunday —
■ Baseball vs. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at Joe Becker Stadium, noon
Monday —
■ Baseball vs. Bemidji State, Joe Becker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday —
■ Softball at Southwest Baptist, Bolivar, 3 p.m.
Wednesday —
■ Baseball doubleheader vs. Bemidji State and Northwestern College, Joe Becker Stadium, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

Coming Attractions

On Campus



Recital

■ **Southern Trio to perform at 7:30 p.m., today at Webster auditorium**

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

Mar. 12-15—Madrigal Dinner
Mar. 20—Community Concert, Sykes & Chow

MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM

Foreign Film
Mar. 11—Tales of the Tairra Clan

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

Feb. 27—Southern Trio
Mar. 6—Ronald Radford, Flamenco Guitarist
Mar. 9—Joplin Piano Teachers-Students Recital

Joplin



Concert

■ **All-4-One to play at Joplin's Memorial Hall March 1**

CHAMPS

782-4944
Feb. 28-Mar. 1—Prescription for Blues
Mar. 14-15—Joe Giles

THE BYPASS

624-9095
Feb. 28—Smokin' Joe Kubek
Mar. 1—Live Comedy, James Groves opening for Kenny Cox
Mar. 7—Smarties and King Friday

SPIVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

623-0183
Jan. 17-Mar. 2—Photo Spiva
Mar. 14-Apr. 27—Spiva Annual

MEMORIAL HALL

623-3254
Mar. 1—All-4-One
Apr. 12—Sawyer Brown

Springfield

JUKE JOINT

Mar. 1—Sister Machine Gun
Mar. 5—Reverend Horton Heat

HAMMONS STUDENT CENTER

Mar. 1—Steven Curtis Chapman

Carthage

DOWNTOWN PERK

Thru Mar. 8—Art Show, Southern Art League

STONE'S THROW THEATRE

Mar. 20-22, 27-29—The Importance of Being Earnest

CONCERT

Group returns to Memorial Hall

By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Coming to Joplin to promote its new album "And The Music Speaks," All-4-One will be performing at 8 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Hall.

The new album is scheduled for release in May.

"We had to grow somewhere, so we grew vocally," said band member Jamie Jones.

"We tried to do neat things, stretch ourselves — lots of little tricks. I'd rather be known as a singing group, not a pop group, a doo-wop group, or an R&B group."

Jones and fellow group member Delious were responsible for writing several of the album's 12 songs.

Tickets are on sale for \$17.50 at Memorial Hall; Dillons in Joplin and Pittsburg; Southwest Missouri Bank in Joplin, Duquesne, Carthage, and Neosho; Buy for Less in Miami; or charge by phone with a Visa or Mastercard at 623-1800.

The group has toured nationally and internationally, performing in Paris, Malaysia, New Zealand, Japan, and Korea.

"We like the energy of performing live, with the whole band behind us — it takes the songs to a whole different place," said band member Alfred Nevarez.

All-4-One's debut single "So Much In Love" was released in January 1994. It became a RIAA gold seller and achieved top five pop status.

Its next ballad, "I Swear," claimed the No. 1 pop spot for 11 weeks and achieved platinum sales. It became 1994's biggest-selling single and the third most successful single of the rock era.

The group's self-titled debut album sold more than five million copies.

All-4-One also received an American Music Award for Favorite New Soul/R&B Artist and a Grammy Award for Best Pop Performance By A Duo or Group With Vocal for "I Swear". □



ATLANTIC RECORDS/Special to The Chart

ART EXHIBIT

Alumnus artist's talents, hobby run in family's genes

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER



MICHELLE CONTY/The Chart

V.A. Christensen, assistant professor of art and director of Spiva Art Gallery, examines a painting by Rex Horner, a Missouri Southern alumnus. Horner's paintings will be exhibited in the gallery through April 11.

Depictions of Ozark landscapes, wildlife, and lifestyles as well as the spirit of the Southwest will adorn the Missouri Southern Spiva Art Gallery beginning Monday.

The exhibit runs through April 11 and features the artist Rex Horner, a 1978 Southern graduate. A native of Cassville, he currently lives in Bentonville, Ark. Horner, the art director of the signing department in the marketing division of Wal-Mart headquarters, said his interest in art began as a child.

"I've always had an interest in art," he said. "It runs in the family."

Horner's father and grandmother were artists. As a child, his parents took him to galleries and museums. "They always encouraged me to do art," he said. "I've been doing it since I can remember."

Horner also credits the late Darrel Dishman, former art department head at Southern, with encouraging him to pursue an art career.

"He was like my second father," Horner said. "He took artists under his wing and encouraged those that had potential."

While attending an art exhibit featuring Dishman's work, V. A. Christensen, coordinator of the

Spiva Art Gallery, approached Horner and asked him to do a show. "As part of the mission of the Gallery, we want to expose our students to those who have preceded them conveying that there is life after college," Christensen said. "The alumni who have exhibited, through their work, share how they can implement their training."

The Spiva Art Gallery became a departmental gallery after the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts moved to downtown Joplin. This is the second year for the art department-sponsored exhibits. Fall, spring, and summer shows have highlighted works of Southern alumni, Christensen said. Horner's "hobby" has received many honors in regional competitions. He said viewing his art as a hobby gives him a special freedom to paint and draw the things he enjoys and try new techniques.

"I keep trying to improve and challenge myself," Horner said.

Being in the graphic art field, Horner sees young artists coming out of school who did not learn the finer points of art. He said many of these artists have the ideas in their minds but lack the ability to recreate them on the computer.

"Don't sell short your drawing abilities and don't neglect fine art," Horner said. □

MUSIC REVIEW



'Avalanche' measures up to BE's live performance



Kevin Coleman
Arts Etc. Editor

Usually it is a good idea to stay out of the way of an avalanche, but for the new CD release by BE, I would make an exception.

Avalanche is the fourth CD to be released by this band from Fayetteville, Ark.

They have been performing together since 1989.

This album is the first to feature the band's new bass player, Doug Scott. However, former bassist Paul Summerlin still performs on tracks 9, 11, and 12.

The rest of the band includes Summerlin's brothers: Mark on guitar and Talley on vocals, along with the fourth original member, Duke Boyne on drums.

BE's sound is hard-hitting alternative with a rough industrial edge. Mark Summerlin's guitar work on songs like "G.O.N.G. (Go On Now Go)" and "Six Chambered Heart" nearly hypnotizes the listener, and Talley Summerlin displays the vocal ability to sweetly croon a ballad like "Carving My Name in the Sun," or get down and guttural on "Ha Ha."

To pick a favorite cut off *Avalanche* would be difficult, but if I were pressed to do so, "Six Chambered Heart" would be a contender.

In this ballad, Mark Summerlin gives us a taste of his acoustic ability, while brother Talley soothes the listener with the poetic lines: "If I could tear myself apart give up my six chambered heart/

What would we find inside to tell us who I am/ If I could show you how to have and hold my six chambered heart/ Would you be kind enough to put it back again?"

The song also shows off the brothers' vocal harmony.

A few months ago, I was privileged to witness BE's live performance at Joplin's Kitchen Pass.

At the time, I was impressed by the band's onstage cohesive talent.

So when I got the chance to review *Avalanche*, I wondered if their studio work would measure up to their live show.

I'm happy to say that they did not let me down. *Avalanche* is definitely a BE-keeper. □

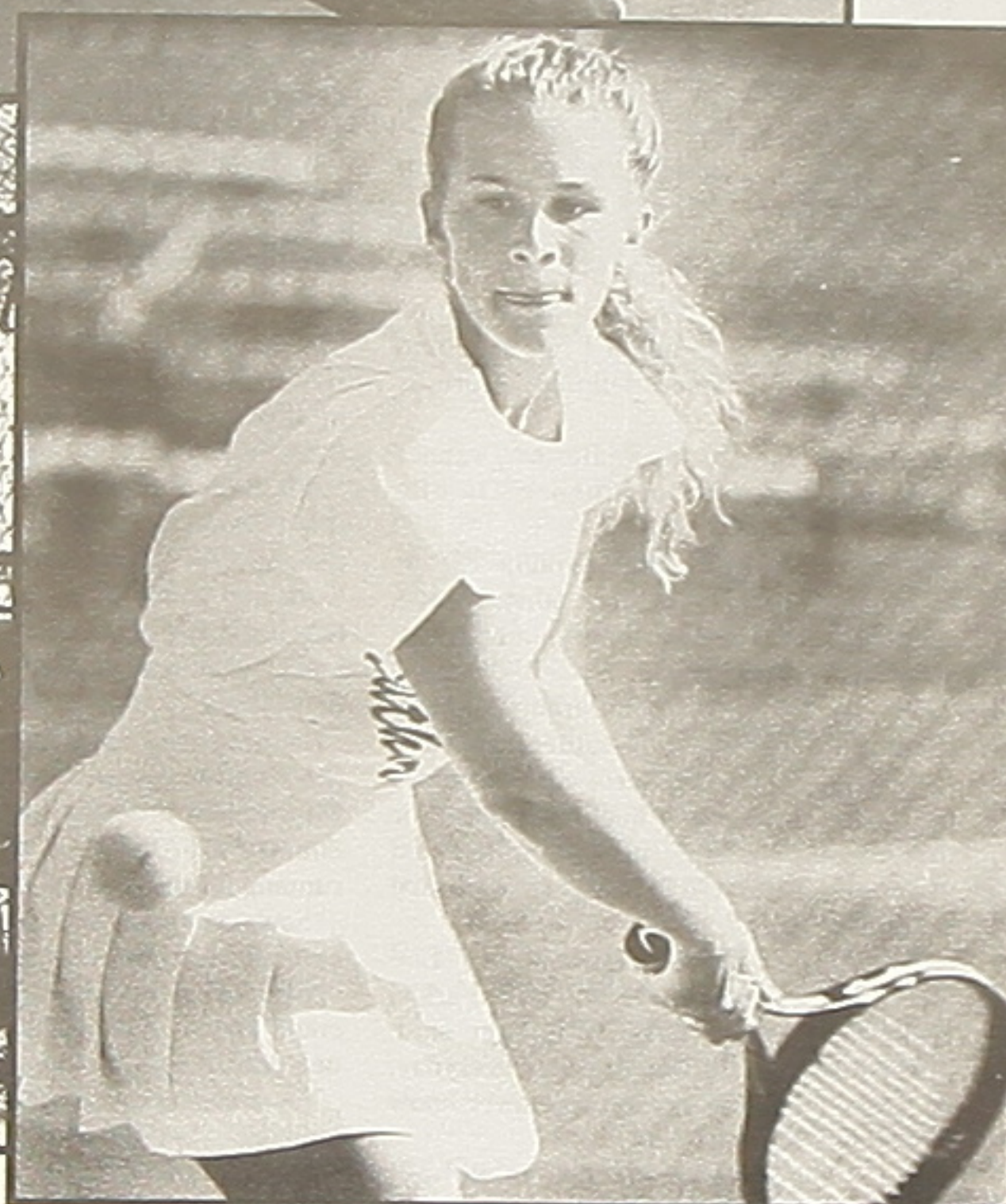
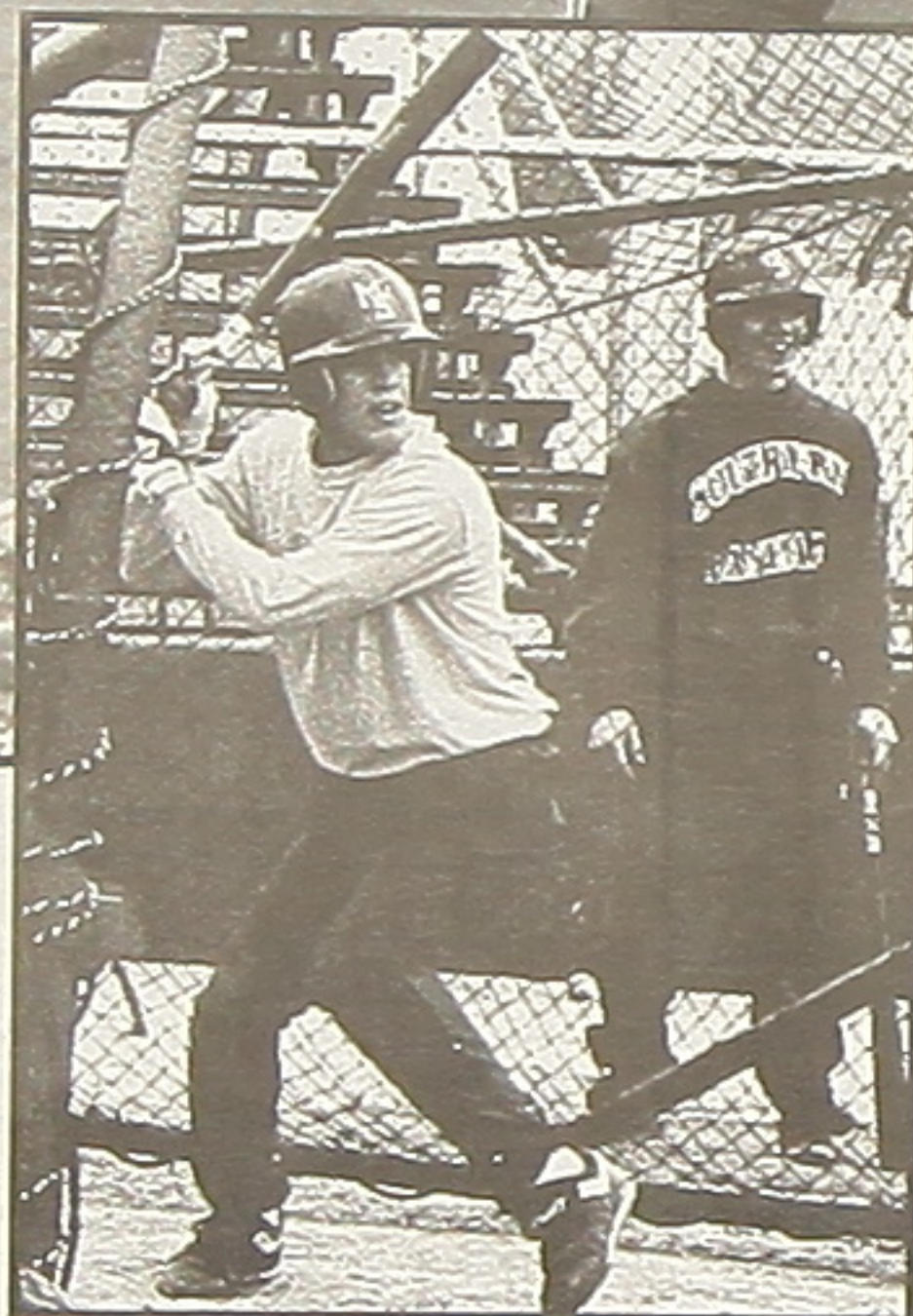




Spring Sports Preview

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE
LIONS & LADY LIONS

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Outdoor
Track

1997 SCHEDULE

- March 15 —**
@Pittsburg State Invitational
- March 20 —**
Tri-Meet, @Pittsburg State
- March 29 —**
@Southwest Missouri Invitational
- April 4 —**
Radio Shack Crossroads Invitational
- April 8 —**
Missouri Southern-Pittsburg State Dual,
@Pittsburg State
- April 12 —**
John Jacobs Invitational,
@Norman, Okla.
- April 16-19 —**
@University of Kansas relays
- April 18 —**
Mule relays, @Central Missouri
- April 25 —**
Missouri Southern Invitational
- April 27-28 —**
MIAA Heptathlon/Decathlon Championships,
@Pittsburg State
- May 3-4 —**
MIAA Outdoor Championships,
@Emporia State
- May 10 —**
@Emporia State Twilight Meet
- May 15 —**
Missouri Southern State Last Chance Meet
- May 22-24 —**
NCAA Outdoor Championships,
@Edwardsville, Illinois

KEY RETURNERS

- Jon Wilkes —**
Junior distance runner from
Carl Junction, Mo.
- Jason Zurba —**
Junior sprinter from
Thunderbay, Vancouver, Canada.
- Josh Rogers —**
Senior distance runner from
Crystal City, Mo.
- Sonia Blacketer —**
Sophomore distance runner from
Seneca, Missouri.
- Christina Heinecke —**
Junior distance runner from
Quincy Ill.
- Dalana Lofland —**
Junior sprinter from Wyandotte, Okla.

TRACK & FIELD

Experience key for Southern

Rutledge, Vavra expect
upperclassmen to lead
inexperienced squads

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Track season is once again upon us, and Missouri Southern's men's and women's teams are both looking to make their mark on the MIAA.

"This year's team has great chemistry," said Tom Rutledge, head men's coach. "They don't gripe and whine. They just work hard and do their job."

Rutledge said the men's team would look to returners for much of its leadership.

"We have several guys who will be back with us that will really pick this team up," he said. "They are guys the others can look up to."

Jason Zurba, a junior undecided major, is one of those whom Rutledge will be expecting to lead.

"Jason is just a great kid," he said. "He is very mature and is somebody that the other guys can really look up to."

Rutledge said Zurba, who has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average at Southern, does "whatever it takes" to succeed.

"Jason just sets his standards higher. What he lacks in talent, he makes up for in just plain hard work."

"His standards are really going to help pull the team's standards up."

"That's what makes him such a great leader. He knows how to work, and he expects the same from everybody else."

Zurba is not the only runner whom Rutledge is depending on, however.

"Sophomore Dusty Franks has really stepped it up this year, and I look for him to do well," he said. "We also have James Thrash out this year, and if I can keep him healthy then he should definitely score us some points."

Rutledge's vote for most improved runner this year goes to sophomore Darelle Simmons.

"Darelle has easily made the highest leaps in terms of attitude and work ethic. He has come back this year on a mission and may just surprise a few people."

The men's team will field strong competitors in the field events. Southern boasts a pole vaulter, Ben Brainard, who earned a provisional (the lowest qualifying mark for the NCAA Division II national meet) last year, and a host of throwers who are "improving daily."

"All three of my throwers, Lee Heinerikson, Doug Culver, and Luke Farley, really have a ways to go," Rutledge said. "They just keep throwing farther everyday, so by the end of the season you never know what might happen."

The women's team will not be without



Junior distance runner Jon Wilkes comes around the corner in an MIAA meet last season. Missouri Southern starts their outdoor track schedule March 15.

FILE PHOTO

throwers of its own this year. Michelle Heimerman, an All-American last year, will be the women's lone senior and premier thrower.

"Michelle is a great role model for this team," said Patty Vavra, head women's coach. "She showed everyone that hard work and commitment pay off, and having her back after competing at the national meet will be really good for the team's confidence level."

Heimerman is not the women's only hope for a national qualifier. Sonia Blacketer, Missouri Southern's first women's cross country All-American, will also be in the running for the national meet.

"Sonia will really look to step it up and go to nationals again," Vavra said.

"She has great ability and attitude, and could very well be an All-American twice in one year."

Vavra also said she looks for great leadership out of her juniors.

"Dalana Lofland is the very definition of a

great leader," she said. "She is the backbone of our sprint teams."

Vavra said although she had high hopes for certain individuals, this year's team would probably not be in the conference running.

"We lack the depth to make a run for the championship," she said. "We just have to concentrate on us, work hard, and let things fall as they may."

Both the Lions and the Lady Lions will open their seasons March 15 at the Pittsburg State University Invitational, in Pittsburg Kansas.

Southern returns to Gorilla territory Thursday, March 20 for the Pittsburg State/Southwest University/Missouri Southern Tri-Meet.

They will face Southwest Missouri again Saturday, March 29 at the Southwest Missouri State University Invitational.

Both teams will run on its home track, Friday April 4 in the Radio Shack Crossroads Invitational. □

BASEBALL

Defense to lead Lion charge

Southern will concentrate on advancing runners, not smacking home runs

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Ice may still be on the ground and a nip may still be in the air, but Missouri Southern's baseball team is busy preparing for the 1997 season.

The crack of the bats, the smack of a well-caught ball, and the barking of commands can be heard at the Lions' home field, Joe Becker Stadium.

Head coach Warren Turner is expecting stellar defensive performances from his squad this year.

"We are going to be strong defensively," Turner said.

"Last season we were ranked 20th in the nation in team fielding percentage; we expect that to continue."

Two juniors are the twinkle in Turner's eyes this year, as shortstop Bobby Braeckel and centerfielder Steve Crane are expected to lead the Lions. Braeckel had an Ozzie Smith-like season between the second and third bags last season with a .931 fielding percentage. That translated to just 18 errors in 244 chances. At the plate, Braeckel had the enviable average of .355 with 35 runs batted in and six stolen bases in eight attempts.

Those numbers were good enough to earn him a spot on the second-team all-conference squad.

Crane's numbers were equally impressive: a .992 fielding percentage and two assists from center field. His batting average was .328 with 30 RBIs, one dinger, and 13 thefts in 16 tries.

Pitchers also had a hard time finding his strike zone as he walked a team-high 36 times.

"We are strong up the middle," Turner said.

"Any time you have that going for you, you're going to be a good defensive team. And defense is something we work very hard at in practice."

With a relatively young pitching staff, solid defense is going to be even more important in 1997.

"Our pitchers are going to have to progress as the season goes on, and I think they will to the point where we may have better pitching down the road than we have had in the past," Turner says. "We just need to be patient with them."

Right-handers Dana Morris and Marcus Patton will be joined by another right-hander, Michael Bussey, a transfer from Anne Arundel Community College, and redshirt freshman Justin Dudinsky.

Morris was 1-0 with an 8.44 earned run average in 1996. He had 19 strikeouts in



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

The Lions will play their first home game of the year, Sunday, March 2, against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville University. Missouri Southern is returning only two seniors this year.

21.3 innings, allowed opposing batters to run up a .326 average, and will be counted on to improve on those numbers this season. Patton, meanwhile, was 3-0 with a 6.43 ERA in 11 games.

Like Morris, he will need to keep opposing batters off the base paths better in 1997, as enemy hitters maintained a .327 average last year.

Offensively, Turner says the Lions will need to concentrate on collecting base hits and advancing runners rather than trying to go deep.

"We aren't going to score a lot of runs," he said.

"We don't have a long-ball threat like we've had in the past, so we are going to have to make contact, put the ball in play, and run the bases well to be successful."

Outfielders RJ. Forth and Brian Kuhn will join Braeckel and Crane in leading

Southern's offensive attack.

Forth hit .323 with 33 RBIs, three triples, and one home run last year. He also drew 28 walks. Kuhn, meanwhile, hit .286 with 19 RBIs.

Newcomers Cody Morin, a junior transfer from Central Arizona University at catcher, and Brad Smith, a freshman from Baxter Springs (Kan.) High School at third base, should provide immediate help.

Turner says the road to the MIAA crown will be challenging and will more than likely run through Warrensburg, Mo.

"Central Missouri State will be good, and Emporia State is going to be strong this year as well," Turner said.

"And Pittsburg State has a lot of people back. We expect the conference to be strong as always."

"We're excited to get the season started and see how the thing turns out." 7



Lion
Baseball

1997 SCHEDULE

- March 2 —
vs. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, noon
- March 3 —
vs. Bemidji State, 1:30 p.m.
- March 4 —
@ Oklahoma, 3 p.m.
- March 5 —
vs. Bemidji State, 2 p.m.
vs. Northwestern College, 4:30 p.m.
- March 6 —
vs. Bemidji State, 2 p.m.
- March 7 —
vs. Fort Hayes State, 5 p.m.
- March 8 —
vs. Hillsdale, 1:30 p.m.
vs. NE Oklahoma State, 7 p.m.
- March 9 —
vs. Morningside College, 1 p.m.
- March 12 —
vs. Central Missouri, 2 p.m.
- March 13 —
vs. Morningside College, 2 p.m.
- March 14 —
vs. Morningside College, 1 p.m.
- March 18 —
@ Emporia State, 3 p.m.
- March 19 —
vs. Missouri-St. Louis, 2 p.m.
- March 22 —
@ Missouri-Rolla, noon
- March 23 —
@ Missouri-Rolla, noon
- March 24 —
vs. Wisconsin-River Falls, 2 p.m.
vs. Minnesota-Morris, 4:30 p.m.
- March 26 —
vs. Missouri Western, 2 p.m.
- March 27 —
vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 1 p.m.
- March 28 —
vs. Southwest Baptist, 1 p.m.
- March 29 —
vs. Southwest Baptist, noon
- April 1 —
@ Northwest Missouri, 1 p.m.
- April 2 —
@ Arkansas, 7 p.m.
- April 5 —
@ Lincoln, 1 p.m.
- April 6 —
@ Lincoln, 1 p.m.
- April 9 —
vs. Truman State, 1 p.m.
- April 11 —
vs. Pittsburg State, 6 p.m.
- April 12 —
vs. Pittsburg State, 1 p.m.
- April 13 —
vs. Pittsburg State, 1 p.m.
- April 14 —
@ Oral Roberts, 3 p.m.
- April 16 —
@ Washburn, 3 p.m.



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Missouri Southern's junior shortstop Bobby Braeckel returns to the Lions this spring as one of just a handful of upperclassmen returning this year.

Bobby Braeckel

Braeckel ready for leadership role

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Supporting a .931 fielding percentage going into his junior year as a Missouri Southern Lions' shortstop Bobby Braeckel would seem to be pretty confident about his defensive prowess.

Even with Lion head coach Warren Turner boasting the Lion shortstop being one of the top in the country, Braeckel still said he can produce better defensively.

In his mind, those 18 bobbles last season that rang up the "E" light on the scoreboard were far too many. Even if it were only 18 in 244 chances.

"I'm sure I had a few more errors last year than the year before," Braeckel said.

Braeckel has played in between the second and third bags since joining Southern's baseball team out of Joplin High School, where he pulled the same duty.

Now as an upperclassman on a team where experience is a hot commodity, the shortstop finds himself in a leadership role. And he's ready for it.

"It's a given," said Braeckel. "There are expectations."

Turner has said he expects Braeckel and center-fielder Steve Crane to be the leaders of this Southern squad. Both players are juniors. Only two seniors are listed on the Lion roster.

Southern has 10 players who fall under the sub-heading of "budding."

Braeckel said the responsibility of getting the new players to fit the Southern mold doesn't fall all on his shoulders, but on every player who has donned the Southern uniform before this season started.

"I've played shortstop for several years," Braeckel said. "I've got to help out the younger guys now. Coach expects the older guys to keep on them."

Braeckel doesn't think his position on the field is harder than any other, even with his added duties of keeping the younger players on their toes. "Our weaknesses, if any, would have to be our inexperience," he said.

Braeckel's defensive flair may be impressive, but his offensive talents are as enviable. He is just as dangerous with a bat in his hands as he is with a mitt on.

Braeckel hit .355 last season, second only to Dwayne Walters, who hit .427. However, Walters was at the plate 75 times, as opposed to Braeckel who stepped to the plate just under 200 times.

"I want to increase my speed this year," Braeckel said of his personal goals. "Of course everybody needs to get better at everything all the time, but I personally need to work on my speed."

Braeckel wasn't able to put any other numeral beside zero in the home run column, but he said that doesn't affect him much.

"We weren't expected to be a power team," Braeckel said. "But, we will have our moments this season."

After playing all summer with lumber in his palms, Braeckel said he was ready to get back to aluminum bats where the sweet spot is larger.

Braeckel said his summer league in the suburbs of Chicago was fun, but the wooden bat is whole different experience. His Chicago stint was enough to make him yearn for the Southern comfort of Joe Becker Stadium.

"I love playing at Joe Becker," he said. "It's got a lot of tradition. I like it. I don't think we get too many complaints about it."

However, Braeckel does have one complaint - maybe just an observation.

"We don't get too many fans, but when they come we try to entertain them." □

“I’ve got to help the younger guys now. Coach expects the older guys to keep on them... we’ll have our moments this season.”

Bobby Braeckel
Lion second basemen

“I think we just need to peak at the right time.”

Trantham aims for perfection

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Perfection for Holly Trantham is a personal goal. But that's not all. It is also an achievement she hopes the rest of her softball teammates strive for heading into the 1997 season.

Last season, the senior pitcher set her sights on making the NCAA Division II national tournament and keeping her earned run average (ERA) around one run per game.

Having fallen short of those goals in 1996, her sights are set on those marks again.

But by no means, could anyone call her junior year a failure.

Trantham finished the 1996 campaign 27-7 with an MIAA-best ERA of 1.28. She was named to the first-team all-conference and all-region teams. The Lady Lions finished their season 45-11.

"I'd like for us to make it to nationals," Trantham said. "It seems like we're always expected to go, but then we don't make it. In the past we have peaked as a team too soon. I think we just need to peak at the right time. If we can do that, I think we have a really good chance."

"For me, I'm kind of a perfectionist. I want to do well for myself. I'd like to make all-American again. And again this year I want to keep my ERA below 1.00. Last year was a good year, but toward the end I was a little disappointed. I wanted to keep my ERA below 1.00, and I had that through most of the year. The last few games, though, my ERA went up."

Head coach Pat Lipira said Trantham's ability to enjoy the game and still do everything she can to win has been a good complement to her team since her arrival in the 1994 season.

"She has a great pitching personality," Lipira said. "One great thing is her pleasant disposition. She smiles while she is on the mound and never blames the defense when something goes wrong. If a girl gets a great hit, or there is an error in the field, she takes the blame and says it was a bad pitch. Some good pitchers don't have that attitude."

While growing up in Willard, Mo., Trantham did not always plan to become a pitcher.

"My dad started me playing when I was 7 or 8," she said. "When I was around 9, our team didn't have a pitcher, and all the other teams had good pitchers. I was playing shortstop, but my dad decided I would start pitching."

Trantham's high school success proved that her father's decision to move her from between the bags to the mound was a smart one. Trantham earned all-conference and all-district honors all four years in high school and all-state recognition after her senior season.

Even with these honors behind her, Trantham found the transition to collegiate ball somewhat difficult.

"I was a bit overwhelmed at first," she said. "In high school I was used to blowing it by everybody. I was impressed by the caliber of hitting at this level. I also didn't play much at first; I was not used to that. Sitting the bench was different for me."

Trantham earned a spot on the all-American team after her sophomore season in 1995. Her 23-3 record in 173.3 innings tied for 16th in the nation.

She also had an ERA of 1.09 and two saves.

Trantham said making the decision to come to Southern was easy after meeting Lipira. Both her team and its coach have helped Trantham to love the game even more and still strive to be the best.

"The all-around attitude of the team is great," Trantham said. "I love Coach as a coach; she shows us you are not going to love the game if you don't have fun playing. She is a laid-back coach; it makes it possible to still have fun while playing. When you are not serious all of the time, it makes it more fun to play and easier to win." □



Senior Lady Lion Holly Trantham has been among the top pitchers in the MIAA conference since her freshman season.

TIM WILSON/The Chart

Lady Lion Softball



1997 SCHEDULE

March 4 —
@ Southwest Baptist U., 3 p.m.

March 5 —
vs. South Dakota State, 3 p.m.

March 7-8 —
Pizza Hut/Ort Food Classic

March 11 —
Morningside College, 3 p.m.

March 14-15 —
Pittsburg State Invitational

March 25 —
vs. Southwest Baptist U., 3 p.m.

March 28 —
@ Missouri-Rolla, 2:30 p.m.

March 29 —
@ Lincoln University, 1 p.m.

April 1 —
@ Pittsburg State, 3 p.m.

April 4-5 —
MIAA Interdivisional play

April 10 —
@ Central Missouri State, 3 p.m.

April 16 —
Northeastern State, 3 p.m.

April 18-19 —
MIAA Interdivisional play

April 23 —
vs. Northeastern State, 3 p.m.

April 25-26 —
MIAA Championships

SENIOR RETURNERS

Kelly Burton, IF —

A Huntsville, Mo., native, Burton is one of several newcomers to the Lady Lions.

Wendy Deaton, OF —

Deaton led the team in stolen base percentage, successful in seven of seven attempts.

Shauna (Seward) Friend, C —

Returns to the Lady Lions after sitting out last season. Friend didn't record an error in 1995.

Amber Peterson, 1B —

Took over first base duties last season while stoking a .304 batting average in 1996.

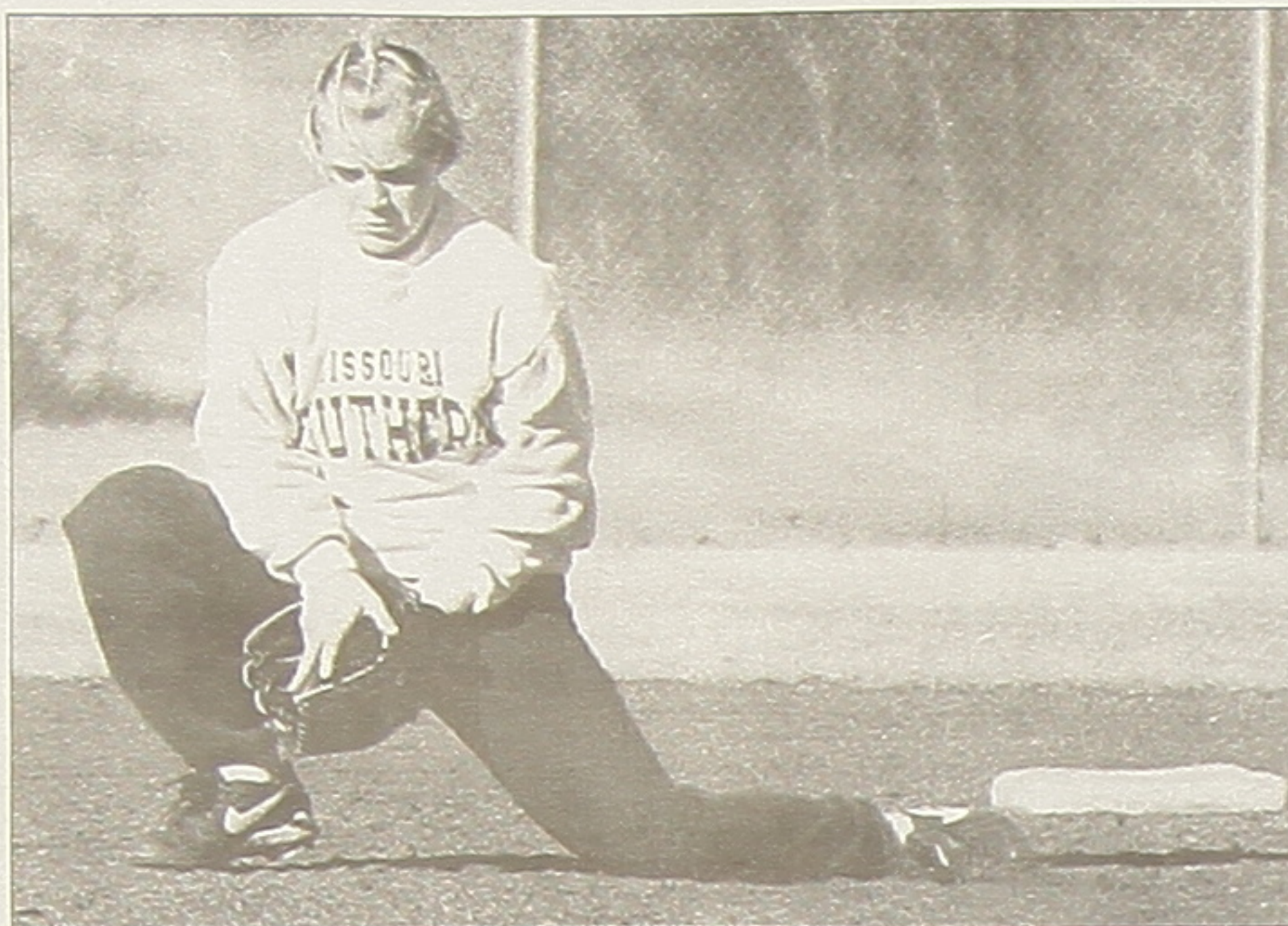
Jane Roberts, P —

The St. Louis Community College at Meramec transfer recorded a 17-4 mark with Southern in '96.

Holly Trantham, P —

Posted 12 shutouts, 158 K's, and a 1.28 ERA, while finishing 1996 with a 27-7 record.

SOFTBALL



Pam Brewer is one of eight players returning from last season's squad. Brewer hit .315 last year with 12 triples in 56 games. Brewer was chosen second-team All-MIAA at shortstop and led the MIAA in steals with 29.

JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Pitching, defense key for team

Trantham, Jimerson lead eight returning players from last season's squad

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After losing two power hitters at the end of last season, the Lady Lion softball team will look to another side of the game for success this season.

With the losses of outfielder Melissa Grider and catcher Ginger Daniel, coach Pat Lipira said her team will have to create scoring opportunities instead of relying on the big hit.

She said executing the bunt and hit and run will be key factors in manufacturing runs.

"Speed, defense, pitching, and strong base running will make up for it (losing Grider and Daniel)," Lipira said. "Grider was such a threat at the plate. I've never had anybody hit over .500 like she did."

"She was the type of player you just don't run into very often."

Southern returns eight players from last season. The Lady Lions were 45-11 overall, 15-1 in the MIAA, 4-1 in the MIAA tournament, and 0-2 in the NCAA South Regional.

Lipira said she does expect to see some power from two returning starters and freshman third baseman Melissa Wheatley.

"[Jennifer] Jimerson led the country in triples (19) last season, and [Pam] Brewer (12) was in the top 10," Lipira said. Our new third baseman should give us some power. I'm going to start two freshmen, and I hope they can make the transition from high



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Sophomore second baseman Jennifer Jimerson throws the ball to senior first baseman Amber Peterson. Jimerson led the country in triples last season with 19 in 55 games.

school ball to college ball quickly."

Seniors Holly Trantham and Jane Roberts will return to the mound this season, along with sophomore Teri Mathis. On the way to a 27-7 record last season, Trantham recorded 158 strikeouts, held opposing batters to a .193 average, and had an ERA of 1.28. Roberts posted a 17-4 record and had a ERA of 2.75 in 127.3 innings. In three innings of relief last season, Mathis compiled a 2.33 ERA and a 1-0 record.

"Our pitching should be strong," Lipira said. "Hopefully, Holly and Jane can have the seasons of their career this year. Both Holly and Jane will be strong for us this season."

Though originally tabbed to play first base,

Mathis has been working on her pitching after suffering a broken ankle.

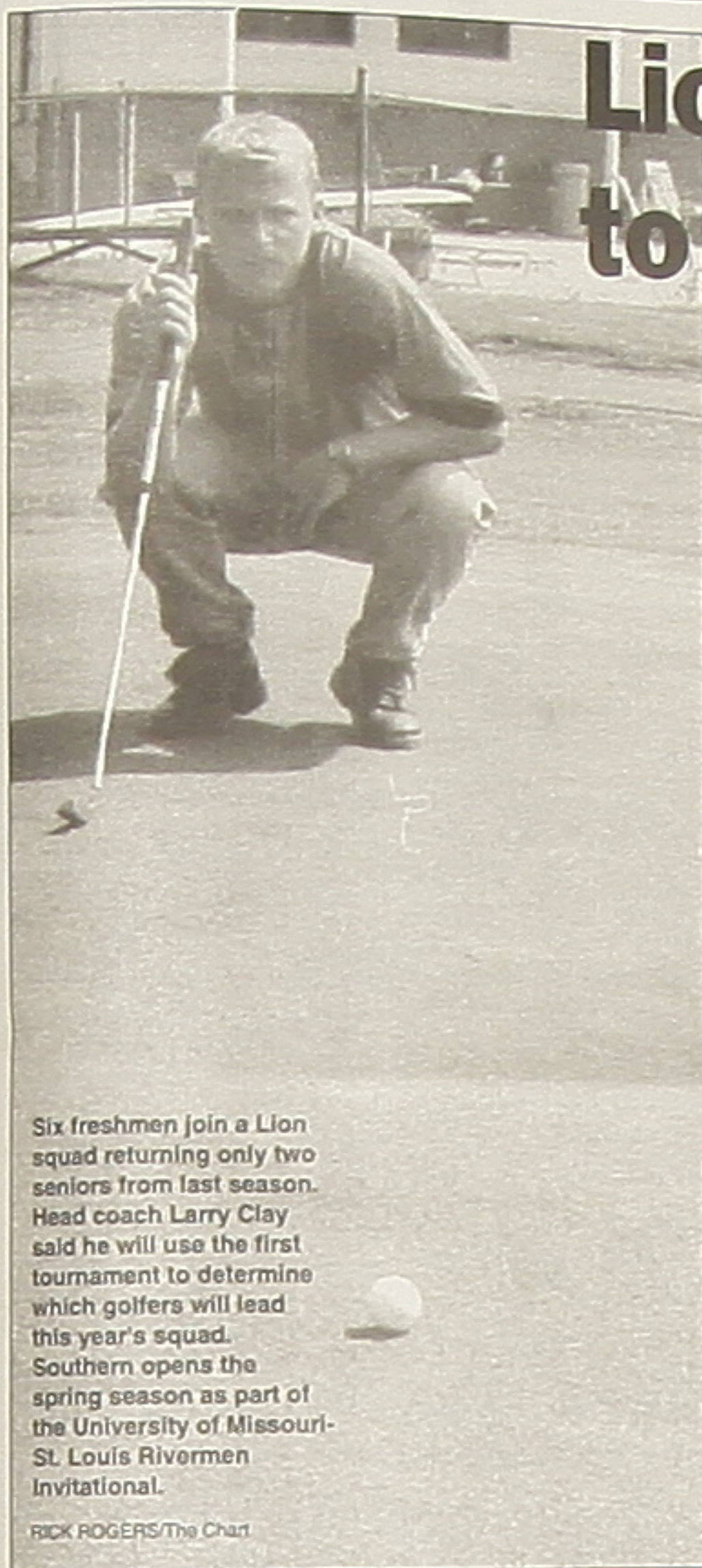
"She (Mathis) will be a good addition to the [pitching] staff," Lipira said.

Southern won the NCAA Division II national championship in 1992 but has fallen short in post-season play the last four years. Lipira said the key to getting her team over the top will be peaking at the right time of the season.

"We play such a long season, and we play the same people (opponents) over and over. It's hard to beat them every time," she said. "We need to be peaking when it comes time for regionals."

The Lady Lions' season opens at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Southwest Baptist University. □

GOLF



Lions set sights to take MIAA title

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

Tee-time for the Lions' golf squad is fast approaching, and Missouri Southern has already been preparing. With many players returning, it may be a good season for golf.

"We played half a season already," said coach Larry Clay. "I hope we qualify for the west regional at St. Joseph."

Key returning players are senior captain Chris Mitchell, junior Jason Mickey, and freshman Chad Smith. Andy Anderson, a sophomore, is coming over from Southern's football squad.

The Lions begin their spring season at the University of Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen Invitational March 23-24.

Southern also plays at the Central Missouri Heart of America Invitational April 5-6, the Missouri Western Invitational April 10-11, the Lincoln University Invitational April 22, the Southwestern (Kan.) Invitational April 23.

Those tournaments will be followed by the MIAA Tournament at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Mo. April 28-29.

All tournaments are scheduled for 36 holes, with the exception of the MIAA Tournament which is scheduled for 54 holes.

Clay said he will use the Rivermen Invitational as an opportunity to take a good look at and evaluate his team.

"The tournament is going to let me see who is ready to golf and who isn't," he said.

Southern will also participate in the MIAA Tournament, April 28-29, at Osage Beach. Clay hopes to see golf gain popularity among the students of Missouri Southern.

"We just get reported on so infrequently most of the students here don't even know that we have a golf team," he said. □

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Larry Clay
Lion Golf Coach

Six freshmen join a Lion squad returning only two seniors from last season. Head coach Larry Clay said he will use the first tournament to determine which golfers will lead this year's squad. Southern opens the spring season as part of the University of Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen Invitational.

RICK ROGERS/The Chart

TENNIS

Lady Lions look to fresh faces for production

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Lion tennis team is looking to come out strong after putting in months of practice, and coach Jill Fisher believes her players can compete with anyone.

"Our conference just keeps getting stronger, but we're getting stronger," she said.

"A good goal for us to shoot for is third or fourth place in the conference."

Getting outside to practice has been tough so they've been working out on inside courts.

"We have only been able to practice outside a few times," Fisher said.

Sophomore Heather Andrews, last year's No. 1 player, is returning along with sophomore Valerie Butler.

The Lady Lions picked up sophomore Jami Lakin from Labette County Community College and added freshmen Jaime Dill,

Heather Needham, Amy O'Leary, and Muffy Headley to the roster.

"Compared to last year's team, we get along better," Fisher said.

"We work really well together and really pull for each other."

"We have a much more mature team."

Fisher said she is counting on Butler and Andrews to lead the Lady Lions in singles competition as well as doubles.

"Heather and Valerie both have new doubles partners to get used to," she said.

Attendance at tennis matches is low, but Fisher would like to change that.

"Our sport is not very popular. We don't get many fans to come out," she said.

"To build up more popularity, I'd like to get more people, somewhere around 30 or 40, to sign up for intramurals."

The Lady Lions open their season at noon Saturday, March 1, at home against John Brown University.

Southern then travels to Northeastern (Okla.) State University on March 4 for a 2:30 p.m. match-up. □



Lion
Golf

1997 SCHEDULE

March 23-24 —

@ Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen Invitational

April 5-6 —

@ Central Missouri Heart of America Invitational

April 10-11 —

@ Missouri Western Invitational

April 22 —

@ Lincoln University Invitational

April 23 —

Southwestern (Kan.) Invitational

April 28-29 —

MIAA Tournament, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Mo.

Lady Lion
Tennis



1997 SCHEDULE

March 1 —

@ John Brown University, noon

March 4 —

@ Northeastern (Okla.) State, 2:30 p.m.

March 14 —

@ Lincoln University, 2 p.m.

March 20 —

@ Washburn, 2 p.m.

March 22 —

@ Drury, 10 a.m.

March 27 —

@ John Brown University, 3 p.m.

April 4 —

@ Makato State, 12:30 p.m.

vs. Northwest Missouri, 3:30 p.m.

April 5 —

@ Missouri Western, 9 a.m.

April 10 —

vs. Northeastern (Okla.) State, 2:30 p.m.

April 12 —

vs. Truman State, 1 p.m.

April 15 —

vs. Emporia State, 10 a.m.

vs. Southwest Baptist, 4 p.m.

April 18 —

@ Benedictine College, 3 p.m.

April 19 —

@ William Jewell College, 9 a.m.

April 24-25 —

MIAA Tournament @ Springfield, 1 p.m.

March 3-5 —

NCAA Division II Regionals, TBA

March 8-11 —

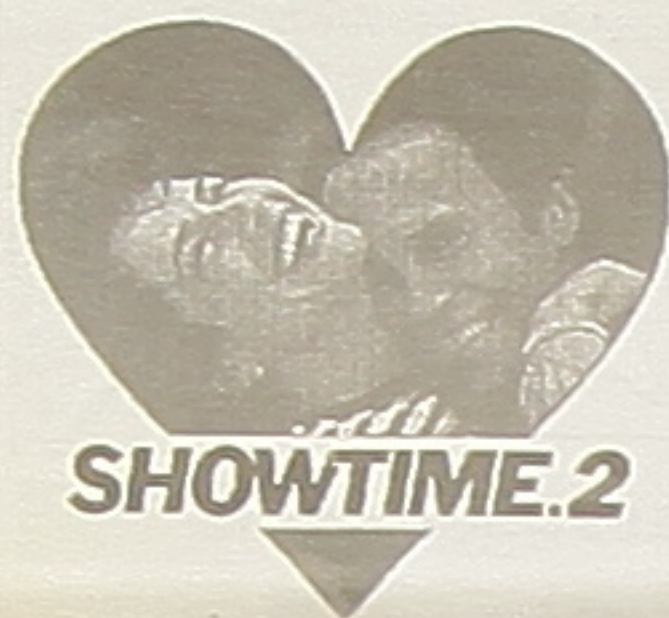
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